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22 PAGES 150 FILS Amir in Oman for talks on Jewish influx

Joint economic projects and ways to boost trade will be discussed

MUSCAT. Feb 10, (Agencies): HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, arrived today for three days of consultations with

Sultan Qaboos on efforts to curb Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel and other issues.

The Oman News Agency said the Amir, accompanied by a delegation including the findance minister, was greeted at the airport by Qaboos as a 21-gun salute boomed out.

Official sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the issue of the expected flood of Soviet Jews to Israel in the next few years

was one of the top priorities in the two leaders'

Qaboos is the current chairman of the sixnation Gulf Co-operation Council which also includes Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

The Amir is currently chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, an umbrella organisation for the world's estimated

in a recent message, the Amir castigated both the Soviet Union as well as the United States for allowing the Jewish emigration to Israel. There has been a furore in the Arab and Islamic world since Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said earlier this month that he expec-ted bundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews to settle

in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. These areas, seized by Israel in 1967, roughly encompass the Palestinian state proclaimed by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exite, in 1988.

The expected exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel follows Moscow's loosening of emigration restrictions, and the tightenion of US immigration

laws.

The Arabs are angry that the United States, which has traditional close links with the GCC countries, has restricted entry visas for Soviet Jews at a time when the Soviets have opened their

The Kuwaiti and Omani rulers also head GCC efforts to break the deadlock in peace talks between Iran and Iraq following the August 1988

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HH the Amir leaving for Oman. HH the Crown Prince, cabinet ministers and other high officials bade him farewell

Battle in East Beirut resumes

BEIRUT, Feb 10, (Agencies): Rival Christian forces duelled with howit-zers and machine guns in Lebanon's *Christian enclave today, violating a shaky ceasefire in a 12-day power struggle and leaving rotting corpses in sniper-infested streets.

A. French envoy, meanwhile, said

he was unable to work out a settlement to the intra-Christian conflict between the forces of Gen. Michel Aoun and Samir Geagea's Lebanese Forces militia.

The Voices infinite radio station, reported a munity among Aoun's 19,000 troops as they and Geagea's militia appeared geared for another round of all-out fighting. "All my efforts did not produce

any result," said French human-itarian aid minister Bernard Kouchner, who has been in Beirut since Monday. "I'll leave for France today ... the

Lebanese should do more to help resolve their problems. Kouchner said after talks with President Elias Hirawi and Premier Salim Hoss in West Beirut.
The two sides clashed during the

night and early morning with nos in several districts of East Beirut. They also exchanged

howitzer shells in the mountains nor-theast of the capital.

A police spokesman said three people were killed and four wounded in the shelling before it subsided into intermittent exchange around 10 am (0800 GMT).

The casualties raised the overall toll from the 12-day confrontation to 433 killed and 1,684 wounded in the bloodiest intra-Christian confrontation since the civil war broke out. Sbortly before dusk, Aoun's Radio Lebanon said Geagea's gun-ners were shelling the general's defence ministry in Yarze, east of

Hundreds of civilians fled the Christian enclave to safe areas in West Beirut, south, east and north

The police spokesman said the situation in the Christian enclave Jues not indicate that a ceasefire's

going to hold."

The Voice of Lebanon, mouth-piece of the anni-Aoun Phalange Party, broadcast a statement by Col. Paul Faris announcing the mutiny in

the general's army.
Faris declared the creation of the neutral army forces" with headquarters in the coastal town of Amsheet north of Beirut, which is controlled by Geagea's forces.
He called on "fellow soldiers ... to

refuse Aoun's orders and immediately join the ranks of the neutral army forces. Leave Aoun's army now before it's too late." Shortly after broadcasting Faris ique. Voice of Lebanon said it has received calls from several

army units declaring support for the Aoun's command, in a statement, said Faris was "a murineer who had joined the gunmen a while ago and is

wanted by justice. Lebanoo's Parliamentary Speaker met Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam today.

Weather

TEMPERATURE will be slightly State of sea: Moderate High water: 12.00 am, 2.00 pm Low water: 8.00 am, 7.00 pm Sunnse: 6.31 am Sunset: 5.34 pm

Maximum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 18°C 64°F Ahmad: 17°C 63°F Failaka: 17°C 63°F Minimum temperatu Kuwait: 5°C 41°F Ahmadi: 10°C 50°F

Failako: 8°C 46°F Maximum temperatures expected: Kuwait: 17°C 63°F Ahmad: 16°C 61°F Failaka. 16°C 61°F Maximum hutzidiy recorded: Kuwait: 78 per ceril Ahmadi: 66 per cent Failaka: 73 per cent

Mandela free today



'Kashmiris must choose their own future'

man cries during a protest in Rawalpindi yesterday for a cousin she said was killed in the Indian crackdown. (Reuter wirephoto)

No compromise

It's war of freedom: Benazir

separatists.

ISLAMABAD, Feb 10, (Agencies): Pakistan does not want war with India over the Muslim uprising in Indian-controlled Kashmir, but will never compromise oo the rights of Kashmiris to choose their own future, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto vowed

"We do not want war and we do not want to create a war psychosis in the nation," she told a specially-

"We cannot compromise on the right of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in self-determination," she

A revolt by the majority Muslim population in India's Jamma and Kashmir state has plunged relations between traditional foes India and Pakisian to their lowest point since Benazir took office in December

Benazir's robust defence of the rights of Kashmiri "freedom-fight-ers" to campaign for their freedom from Indian oppression would likely infuriate New Delhi.

"All those who value buman life and dignity must not be silent when blood stains the beautiful valley of Kashmir," Benazir, dressed in Pakis-tan's national colours of green and white, told Parliament.

She told the joint session of the (Continued on Page 2)

Sniper fire kills

child in Karachi KARACHI, Feb 10, (Reuter): A sniper shot dead a four-year-old boy in Pakistan's largest city, Karachi,

today taking the death toll io four days of violence to 68, doctors said. Wasim Akhtar was shot in the face and fell from a roof, his parents said. Doctors said he was dead on arrival

Two-thirds of Karachi has been under curfew since Wednesday, after gunbattles between security forces and anti-government protesters during a strike called by the Mohajir National Movement (MOM). a powerful Karachi-hased group opposed to Prime Minister Benazir Bhuttos government.

Whites cry 'hang him'

Blacks jubilant; Tutu shouts 'hurrah'

CAPE TOWN, Feb 10, (Agencies): Nelson Mandela, the symbol of unyielding black resistance to apartheid, will go free tomorrow after more than 27 years in prison, President F.W. de Klerk announced today.

"Tomorrow will bring us to the end of a long chapter," De Klerk told a oews conference.

He said he had conferred with Mandela last night and was convinced the black leader was "committed to a peaceful solution" to the racial conflict that has plagued South Africa for

The release of the world's bestknown political prisoner has long been viewed as the crucial step occided to end South Africa's political stalemate and clear the way for negotiations on power sharing between blacks and whites after decades of racial

"There can oo longer be any doubt about the government's sincerity io seeking to create a just dispensation based on negotiations." De Klerk said.

The eyes of the world are presently focused oo all South Africans. All of us now have an opportunity and the responsibility to prove that we are capa-ble of a peaceful process of creating a new South Africa." De Klerk, who stunned South

Africans on Feb 2, by lifting a 30-year ban on Maodela's African National Congress, said the 71-year-old black leader would be freed unconditionally at 3 pm tomorrow (1300 GMT) at the gates of Vietor Verster prisoo farm outside Cape Town.

Hundreds of white extremists, some screaming "hang Mandela," protested today against government race reforms and called for a return to

strict apartheid. (Continued on Page 5)

The President also said the 3-1/2-year-old state of emergency would be lifted to a few weeks if no further unrest accompanies Mandela's release, and he pledged to negotiate the possible release of remaining political prisoners. Mandela, in recent talks with the government, had demanded

freedom for all political prisoners and an end to the emergency rules. Under the remaining restrictions, police can still detain suspects for up to six mooths without charge, ban protests, and ban journalists or others from protests or areas of unrest.

NAIROBI, Feb 10, (Reuter): Rebels in Ethiopia's northern provioce Eritrea said they captured the strategie Red Sea port Massawa today after launch-

iog a major offensive two days ago. The entire town is under the cootrol of the EPLF." Yemane Gabre Meskel, a spokesma the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) told

Reuters by telephone from London. "We received the oews about an bour ago, but have no more details for the time being," he added.

This is the first time in 29 years of civil war in which separatist rebels have claimed to capture

The lightning offensive by the EPLF along a 200 km (120 miles) front stretching from Keren in the central highlands of Eritrea to the coast followed a nine-month lull in fighting between Ethiopia's Soviet-backed government and the secessionist

Ethiopian officials in Nairobi admitted the rebel offensive, which began on Thursday, had taken the government by surprise.

Control of Massawa would enable the EPLF to cut off the last open supply line to the 400,000 iobabitants in the Eritrean proviocial capital Asmara, Ethiopia's largest city after Addis Ababa.

DAYBYDAY

Eritrea's main port.

CAMPING obviously means enjoying the outdoors away from

modern amenities and disturbances. Unfortunately, once again the tents parked along the motorways is rather a strange sight and from the safety aspect, some of them are pegged close to high voltage electricity posts.

Is there any reason as to wby the government cannot determine ideal camping grounds — away from motorways, high voltage electrical poles and the din of everyday life — all of which camping is intended to avoid?

I am afraid that if "better minds" do not prevail, we may end up seeing tents erected oo the motorways themselves

Zahed Matar

Superpowers to sign chem accord MOSCOW, Feb 10, (Reuter): The

United States and the Soviet Union asid today they intended to sign an agreement at a June summit to des-troy most of their chemical weapons. "The sides will work out a bilateral

agreement on reciprocal obligations ... including inter alia the destruction of the bulk of their CW (chemical weapon) stocks to equal low levels," the two countries said in a joint statement.

"They will proceed with the objective of completing and signing such an agreement at the June 1990 summit meeting." (See Page 7)

Palace attacker killed

Mubarak astonished

convened joint session of Parliament:

Benazir issued veiled threats to India and con-

demned New Delhi's crackdown oo Muslim

. Making her first public appearance since the birth of her second child on Jan 25, Benazir said opting for

peace did not mean Pakistan would be intimidated

or abandon its support for the rights of Kashmiris.

CAIRO, Feb t0. (Agencies): President Mubarak telephoned condoknoes today to the father of a teenager fatally sbot by guards after deliberately crashing his car into the gate of a presidential palace.

Mubarak was in the southern city of Aswan last night when Adham Sohaib Mohammed Hafez, a 17-year-old high school student and soo of an appellate

court judge, smashed the Fiat he was driving into the iron gate of Uruba palace. An Interior Ministry statement said Hafez climbed from the car and shot at palace guards with a pistol, injuriog two, but was cut down in a fusillade of

The government statement said palace guards told investigators that Hafez appeared "abnormal and unbalanced" when he got out of his carafter ramming

It also quoted Hafez's mother as saying her son was "very disturbed" over a family problem when he left home shortly before the attack. He threatened to commit "a terrible act" unless the family met his demands, the statement said.

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Grand Bingo

Both the Second and Third Full House prizes have been won. Fakhruddin Barket Ali will receive KD 60 for the Second and Ritusree Ray will get KD 40 for the Third Fuil House. The answer to the clue is 90.



Details inside page

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pposition plans day of protest over Karachi shootings.

opposition yesterday called for a national day of protest over this week's shooting deaths in

the southern port city of Karachi.

Most of Karachi's 8 million people remained under army control yesterday after four days of bloody clashes between suppor-ters of the ruling Pakistan People's Party and the Mohajir Qaumi Movement, representing Muslim immigrants to Pakistan following independence in 1947.

The government briefly relaxed a 24-hour

curfew and police officials, who declined identification, said it passed without incident. As many as 60 people have died since Monday in vinlent clashes between the police and sharpshooters belonging to rival political par-

Wednesday was the bloodiest day, when an MQM call for a supposedly peaceful strike turned vinlent. Furty-one people were killed when sharpshnoters nn rooftops clashed with opposition said the day of protest set for Feb 17 was "against the unprecedented barbaric action planned and monitored by the ruling

Last year some of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's more formidable opponents formed an alliance called the combined opposition parties, representing right-wing, centerist and religious parties. A handful of independent National Assembly members also belong to

Last October the MQM added its name to the combined apposition.

The Indian immigrant party, whose supunrt is limited to Pakistan's sonthern province of Sind, went from being a key ally nf Benazir's to her archenemy.

The MQM, which virtually controls the province's urban centres of Karachi and Hyderabad, abandoned a fragile alliance with Benazir's party, which dominates the Sind In November Benazir's party narrowly survived a no-confidence vote after the MQM took its critical 14 National Assembly scats

over to the opposition's camp.

Benazir's opposition has hlamed her party for the recent wave of violence in Karachi.

"(A) government which would massacre its own people has no right to rule the country even far one single day," said the opposition's

The ruling party hlamed the MQM.
The MQM has asked President Ghulam

Ishaq Khan to intervene and invoke a state of emergency which could dissolve the Sind assembly.

Some political observers, who asked not to be identified, speculated that the opposition strategy is th keep the pressure on Benazir's government and eventually force the

President to question her ability to govern.

During 11 years of military rule Pakistan's President Gen. Mohammad Zia-ui-Haq amended the ennstitution tn give the President sweeping powers.

Britain on full security alert

Rushdie plea for dialogue

LONDON, Feb 10, (Agencies): Britain imposed a full security alert in response to Tehran yesterday again nudering the death of Salman Rusbdie, and an intermediary said the author of "The Satanic Verses" had

pleaded from his hideout for a dialogue with the country's Muslims.

Officials said military bases and airports were ordered on full alert and security tightened around the US embassy in London in line with a US State Department warning of a "high level of activity" by the

Hezbollah Islamic extremists group.

Washington on Thursday declared its concern "that terrorists may be planning an operation against US interests in Western Europe" to mark the anniversary of the 1979 dissolution of the government of Shah

taken a tead in diptomatic efforts,"

leader of the right-wing Jammat-i-Islami party, urged Islamabad to make nuclear weapons to face the threat of war from India.

Inder Guiral told reporters of a three-week-old crisis in relations with

neighbouring Pakistan.
Gujral, who has mounted a

another war, he said.

independence nr secession to neigh-bouring Pakistan.

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Senator Qazi Hussain Ahmad,

India sees no need for war

Explosions in Kashmir

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National Assembly and Senate that Pakistan wanted a peaceful set-tlement, but declared Pakistan ready and able to defend itself against any

"We know bow to defend our freedom and idependence," she said.
"We have the will and courage, and
we have the capability to defend our motherland."
"This revolution has not come

from outside, it has come from the heart of the people," she said, "It is a war uf freedom." She accused India of blaming Pak-

istan "in an attempt to externalise and divert the issue." She stressed the nation's support for a 1949 United Nations resolution that called for a plebiseite in the dis-

puted mountain region to allow Kashmiris to decide whether they want to be ruled by India or Pakistan. Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqoub Khan opened the joint session with a resolution calling on India to stop "barsh attempts to sup-press the demand of the people of the state of Jammu and Kashmir for self-

Pakistan has sent emissaries abroad to build support and the resolution urged the government to

intensify these efforts.

Before the debate, Yaqoub Khan and the head of military intelligence, retired Lieutenant-General Shamsur Rehman Kallue, briefed members of Parliament in secret session.

One apposition source said Kallue raised fears India could be involved in subversion within Pakistan. National Assembly opposition teader Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi accused the government of being tukewarm about Kashmir in the past,

and asked it to canvass support at every world forum.
"But for God's sake don't be complacent, Move fast, India has already

DINE WITH

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VALENTINE

During morning prayers in Tehran yesterday, Iran's spiritual leader Ali Khamenei repeated the late Ayatollah Khomeini's call Feb 14, 1989 for all Muslims in try to kill Rushie for writing "The Satanic Ver-ses," which fundamentalist

Muslims considered insulting. "Mercenaries who try hy
means of enltural and
propaganda conspiracies such as
writing the hlasphemous book
"The Satanie Verses" are trying
... to weaken Islam," Tehran
radio quoted Khamenei as saying

ing. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher dennunced Iran's reaffirmation of its death sentence on Rushdie, and a friend of the Meanwhile, India's foreign mini-ster said today he believed a third war with Pakistan over Kashmir could be novelist said he thought Rushdie was prepared for dialogue with Muslim leaders if they rejected the threat. "I don't think there's a need for war," External Affairs Minister

A statement from Mrs Thatcher's office said she condemned the renewal of the threat and believed it was "much to be regretted."

diplomatic offensive against Pakistan, said Delhi was winning international support for its insistence that it should deal with Kashmir's problems without foreign intervention Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd later added: "It's very difficult-to imagine us having reasonable relationships with Iran, which I would like us to Speaking in Chandigarh, 250 km (150 miles) north of Delhi, he said: "We are not hawkish. We never have, sn lnng as this absurd sentence nn a British eitizen

invite war but if we are forced to have There was no immediate comment from Rushdie, whn has Gujral urged his audience, mem-bers of the international Rotary been in hiding for nearly a year. movement due to visit Karachi next

But Blake Mnrrison, literary editor of the Independent on Sunday and a friend of Rushdie, mnnth, to go "as messengers of peace ... as a bridge to clear misunderstandspoke with the author nn Friday Most Pakistanis did not want and said Rushdic was prepared to try to find a compromise if Islamie leaders in Britain dis-Meanwhile, a series of bomb blasts rocked Kashmir's Himalayan valley tance themselves from the death today, the eve of an emotive anniver-sary for Muslim militants battling Indian rule.

Pulice sources and witnesses

Said Morrison: "I think Rushdie will be prepared to reopen some sort of dialogue with those

reported 17 bombings, most of them in Srinagar, summer capital of the state where militants are demanding in the community."
"But in order for that to happen, they must clearly dissociate themselves from the fatwah (death sentence) and they must Militants urged Kashmiris to reassure everybody that nn violence against Rushdie ... or observe a "black day" on Sunday— an order which usually means staying threat against his life (is carried out)" Murrison told Channel 4

> Earlier, Morrison, said: "This is disappointing news in a week when he (Rushdie) has made a real effort to reopen the debate in a more peaceful way."

But many British Muslims endorse Tehran's death nrder, including Alim Siddiqui, direc-tor of the London-based Muslim Institute.

There is nn threat. There is a sentence of death, which will be executed by the political and judicial authorities of Islam, and nnt by private citizens," he said.
"I am sure it would have hnrrified people if Hitler had been tackled when he wrote Mein

Kampf."
"We still condemn (the death sentence) in the strongest terms," said Boh Gregory, spokesman fir Viking Penguin, Rushdie's publishers. "We are appalled. I just think it is very bad. But it is very nearly "what's new?" this

doesn't change anything." As the anniversary of the Khomeini's death threat approa-ched, Rushdie issued pleas from his hiding for tolerance from Muslims, while maintaining he has done nothing profane.



Checking at a Karachi road block

Armed Pakistani soldiers check a car at a road block before allowing it in curriew-bound areas in Karachi. At least 87 people were killed in massive anti-government protests on Feb 7, (Reuter wirephoto)

Bofors probers to go to Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Feb 10, (UPI): An Indian government delegation was to travel to Sweden from Switzerland on Monday to press for Swedish assistance in obtaining evidence in the Bofors arms procurement affair, media reports said here today.

The Indian delegation has asked for talks next week with Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson, chief prosecutor Lars Ringberg, the Swedish National Bank and representatives of Swedish arms manufacturer Bofors, daily Dagens Nyheter

reported.

The report said the Indian group included Bhure Lal, personal adviser to India's prime minister as well as chief prosecutor Arma Jaitley and representatives of India's Central Burean of Investigation.

The group was to come to Sweden from Switzerland where it has held talks with Swiss justice ministry officers on ways to obtain details of bank accounts involved in an alleged return commission affair involving the procurement of artillery guns for the Indian

army.
Indian claims that 14 government officials received payments totaling some \$40 million for awarding contracts worth \$1.3 billion to Bofors, the big Swedish arms manufacturer.

The 1981 contract for 400 artillery pieces was the largest such contract ever signed by India. On Jan 26, Switzerland accep-ted an Indian request to require four banks in Zurich and Geneva

to freeze all and any deposits held by officials named by the Indian Dagens Nyheter said six

accounts had thus been frozen, of which five allegedly still contained funds from Bofors.

The Swiss government last week accepted a formal Indian

week accepted a formal Indian request for legal assistance in obtaining banking information regarding the various accounts. But strict bank secrecy laws in Switzerland make disclosures difficult and the process can often

The Indian government has also asked for legal aid from the Swedish government, which has not yet agreed to the request. A Swedish investigation into

the bribery affair was closed in

UK envoy denies drug abuse: The British high commissioner (ambassador) to Sri Lanka yesterday denied recent allegation that he was giving patronage to drug pedlars and said he was not condoning drug abuse.

In a statement issued in Colombo, the High Commissioner, David Gladstone said, "I have noted with sadness the serious allegations made under the cloak of parliamentary privilege by Piyasiri on Feb 7."

He added "I would ant wish anyone to be misled thereby into thinking that I have in any way condoned drug abuse."

On Wednesday, Handunetti R. Piyasiri, a ruling

On Wednesday, Handunetti R. Piyasiri, a ruling United National Party (UNP) lawmaker told parliament the government's anti-narcotics drive was facing "difficulties" due to the patronage extended by some diplomats to drug pediars. (Kuna)

Nepali parties call general strike: Nepal's banned political parties have called a general strike for Feb 19 in their campaign for multi-party democracy in the Himalayan kingdom.

The Nepali Congress and the left front alliance of Communist Parties said in a joint statement yester-day they would launch their campaign on Feb 18 by hoisting party flags in defiance of a 30-year-old ban nn the political parties.

Protests would continue with Feb 19 strike, a series

Political parties were banned by Nepal's king, regarded by many Nepalis as a demi-god. (Reuter) Volcano kills 5 in Java: Mount Kelud in

of demonstrations and another strike on March 2.

East Java crupted yesterday killing at least five peo-ple and seriously injuring 19 others, police officials

The 5.679-foot (1,731-m) volcann erupted at about 2,00 pm Saturday sending sands and ashes into villages in the surrounding areas.

"At the moment, or more than nine hours after the

eruptina, sands and ashes were still pouring over Blitar and Kediricities," Sergeant Ratio told United-press International, adding that as 3,300 villagers were evacuated to safer places. (UPI)



Man and the dog

A dog and its owner both curl up in individual booths while taking a break during the annuel Crufts Dog Showin Lundon. The event which attracts throusands of people and dogs to their 26 showrings, also boasts side attractions such as doggy antiques and vegetarian food for canines. (Reuter wirephoto)

Church in row on homosexuality: Extracts from a leaked Church of England document published yesterday urge the church to take a more liberal view of homosexuality, upsetting con-

The confidential report, prepared for a panel of bishops in 1988 and yet to be endorsed by the church, urges recognition of homosexual couples and says homosexuals should be tolerated.

Church of England leader, the Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, who is in Pakistan and

Bangladesh, said in a statement the report was not "an accepted policy document."
But a senior conservative Member of Parliament, Harry Greenway, described the report as a "suicide note" fir the church and said Runcie's response was unsatisfactory. (Reuter)

Moscow sending Cuba MiG jets: Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze confirmed yesterday that the Soviet Union was shipping MiG-29 fighters to Cuba but denied that Havana posed a

threat to the United States or any other country in the "We are supplying these aircraft to Cuba. Of course the US does not welcome it, but we have a legitimate right to do so." Shevardnadze told a news conference devoted to Friday's talks with visiting US

Secretary of State James Baker,
"Cuba poses no threat or danger to the United

States or any other country in the region, and that includes the MiG-29s," he said. (Reuter) W. Germany arrests spy suspects:

West German authorities arrested four people suspected of delivering US-made computers that could have military use to the Soviet KGB, the Federal

have military use to the Soviet KGB, the Federal Prosecutor's Office said on Friday.

The four detainess are suspected of delivering high-tech Western products to the Soviets since mid-1988, the office said in e statement.

The four allegedly acquired a computer made hy the US company Digital Equipment that can be used for military purposes, and delivered it to the KGB in East Germany, the statement said. (AP)

Moscow to pull out troops: The chief negotiators at talks on withdrawing Soviet troops from Czechoslovakia said on Friday that Moscow

from Czechoslovakia said on Friday that Moscow will begin the pullout this month, even before an agreement is signed.

Soviet Deputy Minister Ivan Aboimov and his Czechoslovak counterpart, Evzen Vacek, told the Czechoslovak state news agency CTK, however, that no final date for completing the pullout had been set. They met in Moscow for a second round of talks on the issue. (AP)

Kissinger warns West: Former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger warned the West yesterday not to become infatuated with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and base its policies on his

"Human beings are mortal, Soviet politics are extremely complicated and arcane," he told a seminar in Lisbon. "We should not talk ourselves into the frame of mind that only one leader can carry

out the present set of policies."

"We in the West should understand the necessities and not become infatuated by one personality ... for any policy to be based upon one man is really an abdication of fireign policy." (Reuter)

Reagan says Gorbachev is best hope: Former president Ronald Reagan said on Friday that he is optimistic about the state of world affairs

and praised Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as the Soviet Union's "best and only hope," "I am more optimistic than ever in my life about world peace and democracy," Reagan told more than 1,000 days inus franchisers. "These are the days of triumph and freedom."

Reagan, 79, said the only trouble spot is the Middle

Manila rules out pardon for Honasan

MANILA. Feh 10, (UPI); Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos today ruled nut amnesty for exarmy Col. Gregario Honasan and ather leaders of the bloody Dec 1-7 cnup attempt, but mid the miltiary was willing to con-sider elemency for lower-ranking mutincers if they surrender.

Ramos said during a news conference the government will be firm in dealing with the coup leaders and added amnesty for the mutineers will be granted on a "case-to-case" basis.

He said Honasan, alleged leader of the uprising that nearly toppled President Cnrazon Aquino, and other top rebel nfficers have been charged nr are facing investigation and are not eligible for amnesty. Soldiers who followed nrdess

based on false information and whose participating in the rebellion was light are qualified for the amnesty programme and will be returned to their posts Ramos said.

"Insofar as military rebels are concerned, the Department of National Defence and the Armed Forces of the Philippines pursuant to presidential policy shall continue in be very firm recognising that the threat from coup plotters, coup leaders and coup participants is a very, very dangerous nne," Ramos said.

He said some military rebels have signified their intentinn tn surrender under the amnesty programme.

Aquino issued an executive order in December 1986 affering amnesty to the communist New Peoples Army and the Muslim separatist Mnrn National Liberation Front. The order has been expanded in include mutineers involved in coup attempts.

At least 119 people were killed and 600 wounded in the December uprising — the sixth and most serious in Aquino's nearly four years in power.

Six coup leaders of a military illist of 15 "most wanted" leaders nf the December uprising have already been captured this year, but the key nifficers, including Hnnasan, are snil at large and have threatened to mnnnt annther coup.

One man was killed and more than 18,500 people made home-less on a central Philippine island when a strong earthquake hit the area, a spokesman for the goverument's disaster centre said

today.

Marin Gatchalian, spokes-man for the affice of civil defence, said the island of Bohol was hardest hit because it was near the epicenter of the earth-quake Thursday, which measured a preliminary 6 on the Richter scale.

Sketchy reports said one man died in the town of Valencia on Bohol, about 655 km (410 miles) southeast of Manila because of the earthquake, hut did not explain the cause of his death, Gatchalian said. ■ The United States delivered

191 troop carriers along with anti-tank weapons, rifles, machine-guns and night vision equipment to the Philippine military to aid in its battle against leftist insurgents, officials said

today.

Cnl. Edgardo Camina,
military ordinance chief, said the shipment was part of the foreign military sales eredit that Washington agreed to provide under an arrangement covering its key military bases in the

Camina said the shipment includes 4,000 M-1 Garand rifles, 6,000 carbines, 180 recoil-less rifles and 661 M-60 machine guns and infra-red goggles for Siknrsky helicopter pilots and anti-terrorist squads.

early 1988 for lack of evidence, Rajiv faces flood of desertions as Congress still reels under loss in November elections

By Thomas Abraham Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI. Feh 10: Former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party, still reeling under the impact of the loss in last November elections, today suffered annther blow when a senior leader of its Maharashtra unit, Dr Rafiq Zakaria, quit and joined the Janata Dal.

Dr Zakaria, an Islamie scholar of international repute, said he had decided to resign from the Congress because it was in disarray everywhere because of the "leadership of Rajiv Gandhi."

"Many of us, who have spent all nur lives in the Congress, throught that after the debacle that the party suffered in the Lok Sabha elections, there will be a change in its functioning. But it has become worse. Like the Bourbons, Rajiv has learnt muching and furgotten nothing. He has become more obsessed with his own importance and demands greater servility than ever before", Zakaria said.

According to him, the result was the party was disintegrating and there was no hope for its survival now, "Rajiv by his whims and caprices has not nnly lost the government but by exploiting its goodwill oestroyed the very fibre ni more than a hundredyear old party," he said.
Zakaria said Prime Minister V.P. Singh, a farmer defence minister in Rajiv's cabinet, had seen the writing on the wall much earlier. "We should have heeded his warning then," he said.

Zakaria said there was no nne better equipped than Singh to strengthen India's secular base and to restore to its democracy the mural character that had become completely eroded,

Zakaria was the seninr-most vice-president of the Mahrashtra unit nf the Congress and served as minister in the state for some time. He was also for some time the deputy leader of the party in Parliament. He travelled to several countries as special envoy of late prime minister Indira Gandhi. Zakaria had meetings with Singh and Home Minister Musti Mohammad Sayced yesterday.

His resignation from the Congress comes no the

hecis of similar decisions by some other party leaders. Those who have quit in recent days include former Bihar chief minister Abdul Ghafur, late prime minister Lai Bahadur Shastri's son Sunil Shastri, furmer Maharsahtra chiof minister Babarao Bhosie and former Maharashtra deputy chief minister N.K. Tirpude.

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Galileo spacecraft swoops past Venus

PASADENA, California, Feb 10, (AP): The Galileo spaceship swooped past Venus early today, and the cloud-shrouded planet acted as a gravity slingshot to help hurl the craft toward its 1995 rendezvous with Jupiter.

Engineers at the US space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory received a radio sig-nal confirming that the 2.8 tonne spacecraft made its closest approach to Venus at 0559 GMT, cruising 10.028 miles (16,138

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"We have just flown through our closest approach point to Venus, "said Bill O'Neil, science and mission design manager. "The greatest challenge of getting Galileo to Jupiter has been met."

Four hours before the close encounter, radio signals received on Earth confirmed the spacecraft computer ordered Galileo's infrared light sensor to start observing Venus. The instrument was looking for the glow of the hot lower atmosphere backlightng cooler clouds overhead. O'Neil said. That started an eight-hour period of. intensive photography and measurements, including a photographic search for light-ing. Earlier yesterday, Galileo studied dust particles and magnetic fields in space, and

Peratures.

The Venus encounter is our first major milestone in the mission," said Galileo project scientist Torrence Johnson, "After the encounter, we have gained enough energy out of this celestial billiard shot to get

the energy we need to make it all the way to Jupiter." The power the spacecraft gains in the flyby is triple the energy of its propellant

supply, said mission director Neal Ausman. The \$1.35 billion mission will let Galileo examine Earth, its moon and one or two asteroids before the spacecraft separates into an orbiter and a small probe in July 1995. In December 1995, they arrive at Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet, after a 2.4-billion-mile (3.8-billion miles (292 million kilometres) to reach Venus.

Galileo was deployed from the space shut tle Atlantis last Oct 18.

Venus circles the sun between the orbits of Earth and Mercury, the closest planet to the sun. Acid-laden clouds extend 40 miles (04 kilometresi above the surface, trapping heat in a runaway "greenhouse effect" that raised surface temperatures to 900 degrees Fabranheit t482 Celsiust. Atmospheric pressure is 90 times that on Earth.



Bulging Fergie

Boxer Ali's father

10. (Agencies): Cassius Mar-cellus Clay Sr., father of former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad All

Clay collapsed Thursday as he was walking out of a department

Officials said he was dead on arrival at Humana Hospitalsuburban, the result of a massive heart attack,

Springs, Michigan, when he lear-ned of his father's death, and flew to Louisville, according to Gene Kilroy, a longtime friend of the former champion and part of

mylife," Kilroysaid Ali told him. "My father was my friend, my

Kilroy said Ali also told him

won't be thinking of him. "I know that's true," Kilroy said from his home in Las Vegas. "I remember how excited he'd

Kilroy recalled that Clay, who was an artist, often painted when he visited his son's training camp

Clay, a commercial artist, slumped over the wheel of his car as he prepared to go home from his office in an apparent coron-

Anti-seizure drug may lower IQs

Be careful, physicians told

BOSTON, Feb 10 (UPI): Young children given a common barbiturate to control fever-induced seizures generally score lower than their peers on intelligence tests, a study concluded.

The drug phenobarbital apparently affects a child's ability to perform well on such tests, and this effect may continue even after the drug is no longer used, researchers reported in the New England Journal of

The finding, combined with questions about phenobarbital's effectiveness, led the study's authors to conclude that the drug's disadvantages generally outweighed its benefits.

"We're saying that physicians need to be very, very careful about prescribing it. This doesn't mean that there are not some children who can benefit from phenobarbital. But we need to look hard for alternatives,"

said Dr Deborah Hirtz of the national institute of neurological disorders and stroke in Bethesda, Maryland, just outside Washing-

Phenobarhital, which can be used as a hypnotic and a sedative, is by far the most common treatment for early childhood seizures that are triggered by high fevers, Hirtz said. Such fevers may affect as many as 4 per cent of babies and toddlers in the United States, she said.

The study compared 108 chil-dren in the Seattle area who received phenobarhital daily with 109 children of similar age and background who were not given the drug. Despite the drug's widespread use, phenobarbital seemed to

have little positive effect. There was no significant decrease in was no significant decrease in seizures among children who received daily doses of pheno-barbital, the researchers found. The children who received daily doses of the drug did, however, have lower intelligence

quotients on average than other seizure-prone children who, did not receive medication, the researchers found. The children who received daily doses of the drug did, however, have lower intelligence

quotients on average than other seizure-prone children who did not receive medication, the researchers found. After two years, the children

who took the drug had an average IQ of 95.5, more than eight points lower than the children in the non-drug group, the researchers found.

Six months later, after the amount of phenobarbital given the children had been lowered and finally discontinued, the drug group had an average IQ slightly more than five points lower than their counterparts, the researchers found.

The study did not try to explain why phenobarbital might affect IQ. But Hirtz noted previous research involving adults given the drug showed a decline in their performances on tests of concentration and shortterm memory.



A sensation

granddaughter of formar US President Dwight Eisenhower married a top Soviet space scientist Friday in a ceremony at the US ambassador's residence in Susan Eisenhower, 38, married Roeld Sagdeev, the 57-year-old lormer head

is a member of the Congress of People's Deputies, the Soviet Parliament Tass, the Soviat news agancy, described the celebrity wedding as "a sensa-tion." Those who attended the ceremony, which was closed to the media, said the guests included Elena Bonnar, widow of Soviet human rights champion

Andrei D. Sakherov, and many Soviet parliamentarians. After the ceremony, the bride, dressed in a white suit with gold trim, and the groom, in a double-breasted blue sult, cut into a three-tier wedding cake. Sagdeev, e physicist, was a close associeta of Sakharov and is considered a

political reformer. He is well-known in the Soviet Union, and before ralorms took hold in the country, his institute had been considered top secret.

The couple first met at the annual Soviet-American Chautauque conference

In the United States in 1987 and sew each other afterwards at several international conferences Tass quoted the couple as saying they had not expected quick approval from authorities for their wedding plans but, that the approval in fact came soon, "a

fresh Indication that times are changing for the better."

The couple previously have said they will live in both countries. (Reuter

The Duchess of York, who is expecting a second child in the upcoming weeks, waves goodbye after watch ing the linish of British Service Inter-Megeve, France, tReuter wirephoto)

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age of 77.

Ali was at his home in Berrien

Ali's entourage when he fought.

This is the saddest moment of

first trainer in boxing. He was my

"there isn't a day in my life that I

get when his parents arrived for one of his fights.

in Deer Lake, Pennsylvania,

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This is the way you gotta do it

Indianapolis, Indiana: Singers Willie Nelson, John Congar Melicacamp and Nell Young are preparing for the fourth Farm Aid Concert, scheduled for April in Indianapolis.

Mellencamp, a native of Seymour in southern Indiana, said that

raising money is important but so is creating the awareness of "how" a important the family farmer is to us is it. The son said Patm Aid IV will focus on the ability of farmers to be a son that a son the ability of farmers to be a son the ability of farmers to be a son that a son the ability of farmers to be a son the ability of

focus on the ability of farmers to provide safe food at reasonable

held in Illinois in 1985. (AP)

concerts.

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Nelson and Mellencamp have

raised more than \$12 million for the

American farmers in three previous

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: Black

Russian caviar is not kosher, but the Technion Institute in Haifa says it

The tasty Russian variety is off

Ine tasty Kussian variety is on limits to observant Jews because it is made from sturgeon fish, which do not have scales. Kosber dietary rules ban the cating of fish without

The new product, which took

three years to develop, is made from a kosher fish, Technion said in a

It also will sell at a bargain price, Technion said. Russian caviar sells

The new product is reported to

look and taste like the real thing.

Martin McDonald, a chef at the Dan

Panorama Hotel in Tel Aviv who

taste-tested the new caviar, proclaimed it "as close to the real

thing as you can get." (AP)

LAUSANNE, Switzerland: A

Wednesday. The unidentified Yugoslav

· national had been given an eight-

prisoner nearing the end of a five-year jail term for thest escaped after

a prison official allowed him to visit a prostitute, authorities said

for about \$48 an ounce on world in markets, and the kosher substitute it will go for about \$2 it said.

has developed a caviar substitute

Sylvester Stallone (right) demonstrates to haavyweight champion Tonimy Mamsion how he wants him to move during the filming of the

main fight scane in Rocky V' af Philadelphia's civic centre Feb 9. (Reutar

hospitalised with frostbite after

spending nearly two nights in a school bus waiting for help,

hands, toes and legs, police said. The child boarded the Mayflower

Elementary School in Midtown Kansas City, police said. When the girl did not return Friday

afternoon, her mother filed a missing person report with police,

in the Mayflower school bus

parking lot.

Saturday night.

Police found the girl early Sunday

Temperatures fell to 24 degrees

leaving the route, said Kyle Martin, spokesman for Mayflower Contract Services. (AP)

SYDNEY, Australia: A man claims be rode 450 miles (724 kilometres)

on the back of a stingray to safety after his boat capsized three weeks ago, a radio station reports. Radio Vanuatu said Wednesday

that 18-year-old Lottie Stevens

washed up Wednesday in New Caledonia. It said Stevens' boat

capeized January 15 while he and a

friend were on a fishing trip off the

The friend died, and after four

days spent drifting with the overturned boat, Stevens decided to try to swim to safety, Radio Vanuatureported. Despite

numerous sharks, a stingray came

to Stevens' rescue and carried him

New Caledonia, the radio said. The report could not be

second time someone had been

LOS ANGELES: Taxi drivers

face fines, thanks to a new

lacking cleanliness or courtesy will

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley

on Monday signed the law calling for \$500 fines to punish cabbies and

the city's six taxi companies for behaviour deemed uncouth. The

ordinance takes effect March 28.

"I think we now will see a new

day in Los Angeles in terms of cab

service," Bradley said. He urged disgruntled riders to telephone the

department of transportation with

and recovering in a hospital. Radic Vanuatu said it was the

saved by a fish.

Souk Al Muttaheda, Tel. 2442174

on its back for 13 days and nights to

confirmed. It said Stevens was weak

Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu.

The bus driver was fired for failing to inspect the bus before

school bus Friday for Ashland

PEGPLEANDINGE

Cancer Davis in hospital

LOS ANGELES, Feb 10, (Reuter): Entertainer Sammy Davis Ir was treated last night for a recurrence of throat cancer, hospital officials said.

hospital officials said.

Davis, 64, was in Cedars Sinal
Hospital, being treated for a
tooth infection possibly caused
by radiation, when he had to
undergo a second series of treatment for cancer, the officials said. Davis last month completed eight weeks of radiation treatand doctors said then the cancer

Frank Sinatra, Michael Jackson, Bob Hope and other stars paid tribute to Davis in a telev-ision special celebrating Davis' 60 years in show business that was

shown in the United States last Davis was described by a hospital spokesman after the programme as up and walking and appearing to be making

Davis is one of the world's highest paid entertainers and had just completed a US concert tour with Sinatra, a friend from when they were members of the Hollywood "rat pack," and Liza Min-

hour permit to visit this town bordering Lake Geneva on Monday to do some shopping in preparation for his planned release April 12. An accompanying prison official allowed him to pay two visits to a prostitute. After the second visit, the prisoner ordered a taxi and fled, authorities said. (AP)

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US pulls Perrier KANSAS CTTY, Missouri: A kindergarten pupil who fell asleep on the way home from school was water off authorities said. Angela Terrel was in fair condition Sunday night at children's Mercy Hospital, where she was recovering from frostbite to her shelves

Feb 10, (UPI): The Perrier group of America announced yesterday it is recalling its inventory of mineral water in the United States because a "small sample" of bottles tested showed the presence of

Company spokesmen said it was not known where the chemical contamination came from, but it is examining its packaging and dis-tribution process. They said there was no evidence of intentional tainting.

The popular water has only one source, a spring in Vergeze, France, and the French govern-ment has certified that it is not contaminated, Perrier officials said the mineral water is bottled only in Vergeze, they said.

Benzene is a clear inflammable poisonous liquid used as a solvent believed to be a cancer causing

Eliane Lazgin, a company spokesman, said she had not beard of anyone getting sick from the upscale drin

Perrier did not say what prompted the testing of the small sample that is, whether it received word of a possible contamination from a ner or whether something umsual was detected by company workers during packaging.

However public officials is North Carolina said they found benzene in the mineral water earlier this week when testing the quality of water from their own public supply against the bottled drink.

"We tested some Perrier we collected and did the tests in conjunction with Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources" state Agriculture Department spokes-man Robert Gordon said "the tests that we ran were from 12 to 19 parts (benzene) per billion

The Environment Protection Agency has established a maximum contamination level of 5 ppb of benzene for public drinking water officials said. The increased risk of cancer

associated with benzene is based on lifetime exposure, state officials said. Tests indicate the presence of benzene in Perrier water for a period of months rather than years, they said. "We feel like for short term use

it would not be a great health risk," Gordon said. "Over a long period it could be greater." State officials warned its

residents yesterday to discontinue consuming the drink. Perrier said its recall is volum-

The company did not say how many bottles were involved in the contamination or testing, and had no reports of contamination anywhere else in the world.

GET FACE TO FACE HONG





For just a couple of days, 18 of Hong Kong's leading businessmen will be visiting Kuwait, and wish to meet anyone interested in trading with them. The Group, whose visit is organised by

the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, will be staying at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel from 9th to 12th Feb and will hold a welcome discussion with interested traders at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel ont 0th &11 Feb from 10.00a.m. to 1.00 p.m., and from 5.00 p.m. to 8 p.m. This trade delegation represents a broad

cross-section of Hong Kong's manufacturing. axporting and service industry and will be exhibiting a wide variety of top-quality, competitively priced products ranging from electronic & electrical goods, household and kilchanware, giftware, bags, accessories and clothing including sportswear, underwear and jeans, watches, lighting fixtures, bicycles, Arabic desktop publishing systems, toys and artilicial flowers and hand tools.

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Report finds number of troubling signs

WASHINGTON, Feb 9, (UPI): The United States' worldwide dominance of science and technology may be slipping as other nations close the gap in areas long considered bastions of US excellence, a report concluded yester-

day.

"The United States is strong presently in science and technology. We have been the leader for more than 40 years. And we still are," said Mary Good, chairman of the national science board, which issued the

report.
"At the same time the advantage that we had in the past is also gone. History tells us that nations go up and nations go down. But

Bell Lab

confirms

new form

of matter

NEWARK, New Jersey, Feb 9, (AP): AT-and-T said that researchers at its Bell

Laboratories have confirmed the existence of "quasi-crystals," a new and much-debated form of matter that could be

used to improve electronic

Scientists in university and private research say X-rays and

other techniques already have

helped prove quasi-crystals exist, but say Bell Labs' research

gives the most straightforward

Discovered in 1984, Quasi-

crystals have been the focus of

some of the most intense study

in the scientific community along with superconductivity

and cold fusion, say scientists

Researchers praised Bell

Labs' announcement, but said it could not be considered a

breakthrough, as the company

Paul Horn, director of physical science at Inter-national Business Machine's

Thomas J. Watson Research

Centre in Yorktown, New York, called the development a "nice piece of science." But he said, "It didn't tell us anything

While research has revealed

the presence of quasi-crystals in bulk form, Bell Labs provided

the first glimpse of a quasi-crys-

tal surface, belping refute

arguments that previous man-ifestations were a quirk of

nature, said Lionel Kimmer-

ling, who beads Bell Labs'

materials interface research

department in Murray Hill,

which is exact enough to probe

individual atoms. Researchers

cut atoms on a plane and used

the microscope to move a fine-

tipped probe over the surface.

The image of each atom was

then projected on a television screen, said Kimmerling.

'It's the first time that people

have used a scanning-tunnelling

microscope to get an image of the surface of the material." Horn said. "It confirms what

people believed and what peo-

ple had very good evidence for."

solid; liquid and gas. The solid

state is divided into amorphous

-or unorganised - solids such

as glass, and crystal, which

includes rocks and metals. The

quasi-crystal - in this case

composed of an alloy of

aluminum, cobalt and copper

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Physical Society.

this cannot do."

crystals is mixed.

are years away.

- falls in between the two

Bell Labs' finding was publi-

shed in the Jan 8, edition of,

Physical Review letters, the

journal of the American

"It's definitely in the revolutionary category," said Kimmerling. "Now we have a new material and we're anxious

to find out what it will do that

substances not structured like

The outlook for uses of quasi-

AT-and-T officials said the

material used to make quasi-

crystals is durable, lightweight

and can withstand a range of temperatures, qualities valuable

in making electrical fuses and

resistors.
But Kimmerling said any

practical uses of the technology

AUGUSTA, Georgia, Feb 10, (UPI): A Georgia state judge cleared the way for soul singer James Brown to get out of a south Carolina prison.

State court judge Gayle Hamrick cut 90 days off Brown's Georgia sentence, making him eligible for work release in South Carolina, South Carolina officials could

The three states of matter are

New Jersey, west of Newark.

we didn't expect."

description of the matter.

familiar with the subject,

equipment.

claimed,

they truly can go down. If we don't get serious
... there's a real risk of a slow slide toward
second-rate status," she told a news con-

The 401-page "Science and engineering indicators" report concludes, "we need a new national commitment to provide human, financial and physical resources commensurate with the importance of science and technology to America's future.'

The report is issued every two years by the policy-making board of the National Science Foundation to help government, industry and academic leaders evaluate science and engineering in the nation based on a variety of

Although there were some promising areas, this year's report found a number of troubling

signs, including:
In 1988, US inventors received 52 per cent

of the US patents granted while foreigners received the remaining 48 per cent — the highest share of US patents ever granted to ■ While the United States still spends more

on research and development than the next four industrialised countries combined, international competitors such as Japan and West Germany spend more in relation to their total

Reagan agrees to video testimony

First questioning on Iran-Contra affair

WASHINGTON, Feb 10, (AP): Former President Ronald Reagan will give a videotaped deposition for the trial of a foreign policy adviser in what will be Reagan's first in-depth questioning on the Iran-Contra affair

Reagan yesterday consented to a videotaped deposition in which lawyers for his former aide, John

Poindexter, will ask him 154 questions, plus follow-up questions.

The former national security adviser is charged with conspiracy, two counts of obstructing Congress and two counts of making false statements for his role in the biggest scandal of Reagan's eight years as president.

The Iran-Contra affair involved the clandestine sale of US arms to Iran and then the use of profits from those deals to arm the Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras, fighting to topple the Managua government.



Reputed mob boss John Gotti raises his fist in victory as ha laaves New York stata supreme court in Manhattan yesterday after a jury found him not guilty on assault and conspiracy in the shooting of carpenter union head John O' Connor. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gotti acquitted of all charges

Celebration time

tion's case.

NEW YORK, Feb 10, (Reuter): Admirers of reputed malia "god-father" John Gotti celebrated his acquittal of conspiracy and assault charges by setting off fireworks and cheering in the streets of New York's little traly last night as Gotti toasted his good fortune with friends.

Gotti, 49, the alleged head of the Gambino crime family, was found not guilty and acquitted by a 12-member jury on all six charges that could have sent him to jail for life.

After the trial, Gotti was greeted by cheering admirers on the streets of the Italian section of lower Manhattan as he arrived in a hixury maroon car to celebrate at the Ravenite Club, a reputed mob meeting place.

Later, fireworks soared in the night sky while inside the club Gotti, dressed in a teal-blue double-breasted silk suit, drank champagne with friends toasting his acquittal.

In Ozone Park area of Queens people celebrated outside the Bergin Hunt and Fisb Club, another site controlled by Gotti. The jury had deliberated for four days over whether Gotti had ordered the shooting of carpen-

ters union boss John O'Connor,

Soul singer James Brown may be freed

stace and a job.

listening over and over to secretly-recorded tapes that were a key element of the prosecu-

The prosecution had alleged that Gotti, known as "the dapper don", ordered the attack on O'Connor after the union leader wrecked a mob-controlled restaurant that used non-union building workers. Four gummen shot O'Connor in the legs and buttocks on May 7, 1986. He survived the attack.

John Gotti, 49, the alleged head of the Gambino crime family, shook his lawyer's hand and embraced him after the foreman of the 12-member jury

"Nice job," he told long-time lawyer Bruce Cutler after his second major acquittal in three

About 15 of Gotti's supporters, dressed in dark suits and ties, erupted into cheers and yells, prompting Judge Edward McLaughlin to angrily interrupt the proceedings and warn them they would be jailed if they did not keep quiet

The jury had deliberated for four days over whether Gotti had ordered the shooting of O'Con-

Brown is serving a six-year sentence in South Carolina on multiple charges steming from a 1988 incident that sourted in August when Brown burst into an insurance seminar with a shotgun. He then led police on a chase that crosses the South Carolina-Georgia border.

Brown received a concurrent six-year and 90-day sen-

tence in Georgia on charges involving the same incident. South Carolina officials did not want to release him until

the two sentences were equalised.

The subject areas during the questioning will include Reagan's knowledge of his former aide Oliver North's activities on behalf of the Contras and wbether Reagan anthorized written responses to Congress relating to the Nicaraguan rebels. The charges Poindexter is facing are in connection with those responses to Congress.

Details on the timing and other arrangements for the videotaped testimony will be worked out Monday in a hearing before US district court judge Harold Greene, who will preside at the Poindexter trial, scheduled to start Feb 20.

Reagan proposed to answer the questions Feb 16 in Los Angeles.

Reagan said in a court filing that, he recognizes the courts have a responsibility to protect Poindexter's rights. But his lawyers also said Reagan retains the right to invoke executive privilege to specific questions during the deposition.

Indicating they expect George Bush's administration to be permitted to attend the deposition, Reagan's lawyers said they will "defer to the incumbent president" regarding issues of executive privilege on national security or foreign

Green will attend the deposition to rule on disputes. Claiming executive privilege to specific questions could result in halting the deposition in mid-stream and taking the matter through court appeals. Or, more likely, the deposition would continue while the specific questions at issue remain unanswered, pending appeals.

The "videotape deposition format will provide an appropriate mechanism ... to protect sensitive, classified national security information and confidential deliberations," Reagan's lawyers said.

shown at Poindexter's trial.

commission led by former Sen. John Tower that he did not know the National Security Council staff was engaged in helping the Contras. The Tower commission concluded after its investigation that it was aware of no evidence to suggest Reagan was aware of North's activities on behalf of the Contras when North was an

Poindexter, however, will ask Reagan whether he knew far more than he told the Tower commission about North's activities. Poindexter also plans to ask

Reagan if he approved responses to Congress inquiring into whether North was assisting the

Nicaragua

political prisoners

The edited videotape would be

Reagan told an investigating

never a torturer," he said.



With her son's head on har shoulder, the mother of the former Contra than 1000 prisoners were released hare today, beneficiaries of presidantial pardon. (Reuter wirephoto) prisoner thanks God Ior his release from prison in Tipitapa Feb 9. More

frees 1,000

MANAGUA, Feb 10, (Renter): Nicaragna freed more than 1,000 political prisoners yesterday is an effort to heal the wounds from years of revolution and civil war, but many emerged unrepentant and bitter against the leftist

government.
"If they let us work, I will work. If not I will continue in the strugwho spent five years in jail for assisting US backed Contra rebels in their nine-year long war against the raling Saudinistas.

The prisoners, released it a ceremony at Tupitage prison mear Managua, included 1,151 people accured of being Contras or of

helping the rebels.
Also freed were 39 members of former dictator Anastasio Somoza's extional guard, some of whom have been accused of murdering, torturing and raping San-dinista leaders before the 1979 revolution.

The National Assembly par-doned the prisoners this week after President Daniel Ortega called for their release as a gesture of reconciliation before elections on Feb 25.

Commandante Franco Montealegre, bead of prisons, read out a decree ordering the release of the prisoners, who stood in long lines on the dusty prison parade ground. Officials say no national

guardsmen or Contras remain in Nicaraguan jails following the

The 39 guardsmen were excluded from a mass prisoner release last year because the authorities accused them of human rights violations and said they had refused to submit to political re-

Most remained defiant after almost 11 years in jail.

Colonel Isains Cuadra, 56, anguly rejected allegations by a Sandinists legisleter the sta legislator this week that he had tortured Ortega when he was jailed under the Somoza "The Sandinista con

know that I was in charge of the archive of the office of national security for 22 years and was

US pledge to Andeans

Drug crackdown

has completed an agreement with three South American countries that commits the United States to broad assistance in counteracting their economic reliance on drugs, an official said yesterday.

In addition to the \$423-million anti-drug package President George Bush is proposing for Peru, Bolivia and Colombia, the United States will pledge to help track illegal export of US produced firearms used by drug dealers and to crack down on drugrelated chemical exports, officials said.

The four-nation agreement also calls for Bush to press other Western nations to provide economic American diplomat familiar with the document,

The statement has been prepared for signature by the presidents of the four countries when they meet at the Feb 15 drug summit in Cartagena, Colombia.

"We've got agreement," on the final wording, said Michael Skol, deputy assistant secretary of state for South American affairs, on Friday.

He described it as: "A very comprehensive document of co-operation on the drug issue," sigmilicant for its recognition of rights and respon-

sibilities of producer and consumer countries "with out finger-pointing."

The US portion of the document conforms to Bush's national drug strategy, he said. The agreement covers interdiction, military co-opera-tion, economic alternatives to the drug trade, and efforts to get other countries, aid in the anti-dring

"There's a promise of asking of increased spending," by Congress, but no dollar amounts in the document, be said.

For the second year of his national anti-drug strategy, Bush last month proposed 423 million dollars for fiscal year 1991 in overall drug-related spending for the Andean countries, including military, law enforcement and economic assistance. Some \$206 million of that sum represents a rise in spending, as part of a five-year \$2.2 billion plan.

Skol said the statement will discuss money laundering, arms exports, precursor chemicals and extradition, as well as military assistance and economic aid - including such matters as balance of payment assistance and substitute crops to make up for destruction of lucrative coca fields.

Laundering group uncovered: A money-laundering ring based in New Jersey handled \$100 million a year for Colombian drug lords, federal prosecutors said Friday, announcing the arrest of more than a dozen suspects and the seizure of \$10 million in cash and bank accounts.

The group allegedly headed by Julio Montes Cardona received their orders by coded fax transmission from a Barranquilla, Colombia, woman with ties to Pablo Escobar of the Medellin cartel and Fabio Ochzo of the Cali cartel, US attorney Samuel A. Alito Jr said.

"This organisation has been operating for some time and is suspected of laundering millions and millions of drug dollars," Alito said.

Alito described the operation as the largest money-laundering group uncovered in New Jersey. (UPI)

Marijuana use approved: The US Food and Drug Administration approved the smoking of marijuana for a patient who suffers pain and muscle spasms from a rare medical disorder, a patients rights' organisation stid on Friday in Washington.

The Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics said the government agency had given approval to George McMahon, 39, to smoke marijuana to relieve problems associated with neils — patella syndrome.

problems associated with nails — patella syndrome, a rare genetic disorder with fewer than 200 reported The agency later confirmed it had given approval to McMakon to buy government-grown marijuana

through prescription.

Bob Randall, a glancoma suffered who heads the organisation, said there are now five legal users of marijuana in the United States, including himself. He won a landmark case in 1976 to become the first modern legal user of the drug to treat a medical

condition. (Reuter)

Jury selection begins: Jury selection began Thursday in Mitton, Florida in the murder trial of an Evangelist accused of convincing a mother to with-hold food from her 4-year-old girl to rid her of

The opening of the trial before circuit judge George Lowery comes two years to the day after the death of Kimberly McZine.

Mary Nicholson, 39, of Pace, Florida, is charged with murder and aggravated child abuse for allegedly convincing Darleene Jackson that her danghter was possessed by six demons that could be exorcised through strict diet and discipline.

Jackson, 33, was sentenced in September 1989 to seven years in prison after pleading guilty six months earlier to third-degree murder and child abuse before the jury began deliberations.

ntencing, Jackson vowed to testify against Nicholson, (AP)

Skeleton

imposter mmasked: The teperspan man, known to a generation of schoolchildren as Mexico's oldest skeleton, was mmasked as an impostor on Friday when resear-chets announced the human remains were neither

male nor especially old.

"This is the end of the myth of the tepexpan man, who is actually a woman and dates back no more than 2,000 years," archaeologist lose Luis Lorenzo told a

For decades researchers believed the skeleton, discovered in 1947 and nicknamed "the Mexican grandfather," could have been 10,000 years old or older, said Lorenzo, an Emeritus professor at the National Anthropology and History Institute.



Volunteers use oil absorbent pads to clean up light brown foam washing up on shore Feb 9.

Concorde low on fuel

Priority landing

NEW YORK, Feb 10, (UP): A supersonic Air France Concorde jet was given priority landing Friday at Kennedy international airport when pilots told air traffic controllers the plane was low on fuel following a trans-Atlantic flight.

Air France Flight 001, which was carring 74 passengers, was forced to drop down to subsonic speed 90 minutes before landing because of a problem with the plane's autopilot, officials said, adding that the jet landed with 30 minutes worth At 1.34 pm, the crew told air traffic controllers in Nashua, New Hampshire.

who were monitoring the flight before Kennedy trackers took over, that the plane was low on fuel, said Kathleen Bergen, a spokeswoman for the Foderal Aviation Administration. Bergen said she did not know whether controllers actually used the word 'emergency' when relaying the plane's fuel status to their colleagues at Kennedy, but the plane was allowed to make a direct landing at 1.56 pm.

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not say when Brown would be freed from prison or where he would be employed. Community services director Tony Strawhorn said Brown's release would depend on the availability of bed

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'End of a long chapter'

black townships and the freeing of remaining

"It is too early to evaluate the good faith of De Klerk," Robinson said. "So far, these are

Senator Edward Kennedy and others in

Congress who have sponsored legislation to impose sanctions against South Africa were not immediately available for comment. Congress

"Of course I'm happy to hear it," said the

Reverend Calvin Butts, pastor of a Harlem

church and a leader of New York City's black community. "I believe that means that Man-

dela has some level of satisfaction concerning how things will proceed once he is released, that

is, the reforms being instituted by F.W. de

"I think the world owes some congratula-tions to De Klerk," Butts added. "In light of

recent reports, it has taken great deal of courage

for him to do what he did."
"Of course Mr Mandela was at one time a tool for change," Butts said. "With his imprisonment he became more of a symbol. His

release is symbolic and we hope he once again

will become a tool to shape freedom for South

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher praised De Klerk's decision to free Mandela

and said she saw no further reason to dis-courage new investment in South Africa.

"I very warmly welcome the announcement

today of the unconditional release of Mandela. This is a goal towards which the British govern-

ment and many others in Britain have worked

long and hard," her office said in a statement.

But others welcomed the news.

World welcomes Mandela freedom

Leaders hail decision

political prisoners.

small concessions."

is now in recess.

Klerk will continue.

WASHINGTON, Feb 10, (Reuter): President George Bush today hailed as a "bold and imaginative" step the South African decision to free black nationalist Nelson Mandela after 27 years in prison.
"I welcome this move and view it as another

significant step on the road to the non-racial democratic South Africa which we all desire," Bush said in a statement issued from the presidential retreat in nearby Camp David,

President De Klerk has shown bold and imaginative leadership in recent days which has earned the admiration of many of us who hope for swift and peaceful evolution in South

Africa," Bush said. The President repeated an earlier announcement that he would invite Mandela and De Klerk separately to come to Washington.

As I stated earlier, I look forward to meet-

ing independently with state President De Klerk and Mr Mandela in the coming months as part of my continuing dialogue with South African leadership," he said.

Randal Robinson, director of a leading US anti-apartheid pressure group, Trans-Africa, said Mandela's release is "the first tiny step on a long road."

He said the release came about because of sanctions against South Africa by the United States and West European countries.

Robinson said that those sanctions should remain in force, noting that the South African government has still not lifted the state of emergency that gives it extraordinary police powers, nor moved to repeal apartheid racial

He also called for the removal of troops from

(Continued from Page 1)

In Johannesburg, police used tear-gas and batons to disperse some 100 demonstrators protesting the presence of a boycott-breaking English cricket team. About 500 members of the

neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement, many in khaki uniforms and armed with truncheons, gathered in downtown Pretoria to march on the government buildings.

The protest came before De Klerk told a news conference in Cape Town that he would free Mandela.

Before the march began, some members of the movement began

shouting "hang Mandela." In Lusaka, Zambia, the ANC's headquarters-in-exile. the news was greeted with jubila-

"I can hardly believe it," said ANC executive committee member James Stuart. "It's a great victory for our people."

The government has expressed fears about Mandela's safety following reported death threats from right- and left-wing extremists. De Klerk said the matter of

security was being discussed with Mandela's colleagues, but added: "When he is released he becomes a free man. He doesn't owe it to me to inform him about his programme."

Mandela's wife, Winnic, was at the family home in Soweto, outside Johanneshurg and had no immediate comment.

Call to

dismantle

'Korean

wall' too

MOSCOW, Feb 10, (Renter): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevarduadze called today for international efforts to break

down the 'Korean wall' now that the Berlin Wall dividing the two

Germanies was being dismantled.

Korean peninsola dividing one

people from another," he told a

news conference at the end of a

visit to Moscow by US Secretary

should aim to break down this Korean wall and ensure the free

"For years there was constant talk about the Berlin Wall. I

would like to call on you now to

raise your voices about the Korean wall," Shevaranadze told repor-ters at the Foreign Ministry press

In a joint statement issued after

the Shevardnadze-Baker talks,

the two powers expressed the

desire "to reduce tensions in the Korean peninsula and to support a North-South dialogue."

In recent months, Moscow has

established informal trade and

consular relations with South

Korea in what the government newspaper Izvestia this week said

could eventually lend to full

At the same time, Soviet

Shevardnadze told the news

conference he was aware of US

concerns that North Kores, with which Moscow still retains close

ties, could be developing potential for producing nuclear weapons. He said he land advised the

secretary of state that Pyongyang, was close to an agreement with the

Vienna-based International

Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

on nuclear safeguards.

The joint statement said the US
"expressed its desire that the

agreement be concinded swiftly and observed faithfully."

If The Seoul Appellate Court

reduced by three years the prison sentences of two dissidents convic-

ted of visiting North Kores with-

out government approval, court officials said today. Pastor Moon Ik-Hwan, 72, and

his companion Yn Won-Ho, 60, who had received 10 years prison

sentences last October, now will serve seven years each, the court

A three-judge panel of the court, which handed down the

reduced terms, said a lower court

had committed a procedural error

by conducting a hearing without

the presence of the lawyers representing the two dissidents.

The panel also said there was not sufficient evidence to back up the lower court's finding that Moon supported North Korea's

cause for national remification

and that Yn went to North Korea

officials have strongly criticised the sentencing by South Korean courts to long fall terms of South Koreans who have visited the

diplomatic ties.

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of State James Baker.

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The international co

"A wall exists across the

Anglican Archhishop Desmond Turu, who won the Nobel Peace prize in 1984 for his antiapartheid activities, said: "These are incredible days in which we are living." The anti-apartheid campaig-

ner heard the news while visiting the house of Mandela's wife Winnie in the black Soweto township near Johanneshurg. As he left, his car was surrounded by a large crowd of reporters. He got out of the car smiling

broadly, jumped in the air and yelled "hurrah" before getting back in and driving off.
Tutu and other Mandela sup-

porters danced and sang celebra-tion after news of the release was

In Washington, President George Bush welcomed the announcement and praised De Klerk for "bold and imaginative leadership."
Radio Moscow said the end of Mandela's imprisonment was

"an important step on the way towards the beginning of negotiations between the authorities and the anti-racist forces to bring down apartheid." Mrs Mandela is expected to fly

husband when he at last leaves Victor Verster prison Walter Sisulu, Mandela's

to Cape Town to be with her

closest ANC colleague, was also en route for Cape Town for the

release celebrations.

A senior official of the ANC, said Mandela's release was "a turning point in our history." ANC officials who will preside over the release headed for Vic-tor Verster immediately after the

announcement to consult with Mandela. A source in the anti-apartheid movement said Mandela would

probably address a rally in Cape Town hefore returning to his Soweto home. Police went on full alert today to control victory celebrations in South Africa's townships and

government sources said all police leave was cancelled. The sources said police chiefs in Pretoria, the South African capital; were at their desks today before De Klerk spoke.

An operations centre had been set up, the sources said, to monitor the security situation following Mandela's release.

People flee from South African riot police after police forcefully dispersed a rally to celebrate the unbanning **US troop cuts**

WASHINGTON, Feb 10, (AP): Defence Secretary Dick Cheney leaves today on a trip to Asia where he is expected to discuss with key allies possible US troop cuts and the future of American bases in the Pacific.

Cheney is conducting the two-week series of meetings in the Pacific.

Cheney is conducting the two-week series of meetings in the Philippines, Korea and Japan, as well as Hong Kong, in advance of an April 1 report to Congress on reorganising US forces in East Asia.

Before travelling to South Korea, Chency planned a three-night stop in Hawaii for talks with Adm. Huntington Hardisty, the top military man in the Pacific, and visits with US troops at several military bases

In a recent interview with wire service reporters, Cheney said he had "a full range of items to discuss" with the civilian and military leaders on his trip, including the issue of "burdensharing." The term refers to efforts to seek funding from nations that host US forces, such as Japan. South Korea and Western Europe.

Chency has signed a paper that assumes the Asian allies must take up more of the hurden of their defence, and assumes a smaller US military presence in the Pacific. But the document, which offers guidance to US

military services, also stresses that the United States must remain committed to the "forward deployment" of its forces in the region.

During a time of tight hudgets at home, the defence secretary has come under severe questioning in Congress about his \$292.1 billion request for Pentagon spending during the next fiscal year.

And even though Cheney announced in connection with his budget

that some 2,000 US personnel will be withdrawn from three US Air Force bases in South Korea in an attempt to cut costs, some lawmakers are demanding more severe cuts in US forces overseas.

Cheney allays Asian fears

Taiwan oldies fighting it out

TAIPEL. Fch 10, (AP): President Lee Teng-Hui is a shoo-in to be nominated for re-election tomorrow by the ruling Nationalist Party, hut a battle between aging conservatives and reformers is raging over his running

The political inlighting could determine the pace of reforms in Taiwan, which had its first mul-

tiparty election in December after 38 years of martial law.
One conservative favourite is Chiang Wego, a former general and son of Chiang Kai-Shek. who ruled Taiwan with an iron for the state of the s fist through four decades.

At tomorrow's Nationalist Party convention, 180 members of the party's central committee are widely expected to nominate Lee for six more years as president. The central committee includes many military and government officials who have pledged their allegiance to Lee after he succeeded another of Chiang Kai-Shek's sons, president Chiang Ching-Kuo, who died in office in 1988.

Lee will then announce his running mate and the committee will vote on his choice.

Elderly members of the National Assembly. Taiwan's

electoral college which meets in March to elect the president and vice-president, have lobhied for a conservative running mate to counterbalance Lee, who is con-

sidered a reformer.

Many of the old guard fear that if Lee picks a reformist like himself they will be forced from power. Losing power would mean a loss of salary and lucrative perks.

Lee, the first native Taiwanese to head the nationalist government and party, has given no hint of who he might choose for his running mate.
Liu Kuo-Tsai, speaker of the

legislature, quoted the president as saying, "I am exhausted men-tally and physically" over the choice of a vice-presidential candidate.

Lee reportedly would like to pick his ronning mate from reform-minded cabinet ministers and officials such as James Soong, secretary-general of the Nationalist Party.

Journalist killer's conviction upheld

SAN FRANCISCO, Fch 10, (AP): A state appeals court yesterday upheld the murder conviction of a Taiwanese gangster for the 1984 slaying of a Chin-

of Taiwan's government. shooting of Henry Liu and said he did it out of

patriotism after being told Liu was a traitor. The 1st District Court of Appeals said Tung's motives weren't the equivalent of "heat of passion."

mean journalist who had written critically home in Daly City, south of San Francisco, by Tung Kuci-sen, 37, admitted taking part in the gunmen who were later traced to the United Bam-

which makes an intentional killing manslaughter

rather than murder. The 3-0 ruling upheld Tun's

sentence of 27 years to life in prison. Liu, a Taiwanese-born US citizen and author of a critical biography of Taiwan President Chiang ng-Kuo, was shot to death in October 1984 at his

boo gang in Taiwan. Military courts in Taiwan convicted five men of responsibility for the murder, including the nation's defence intelligence chief, vice-admiral Wong Hsilin, who was found to have ordered the gangs to silence Liu. Wong was sentenced to life in prison.

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A collection of 14 ancient silver dishes worth an estimated \$70 million that will "rewrite the history of Roman art" will be sold unless its authenticity or ownership is challenged, Solheby's said Friday.

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The Sevso Treasure has four large plates, five pitchers, a lall jar, two buckets, a basin, a lady's toilat casket and the cooper-alloy cauldron in which the silver was believed to have been found in Lebanon in the mid-1970s.

The pieces, decorated with mythological and contem-porary ligures of the fourth and fifth centuries, in total

outweigh tha combined weight of the 98 pieces of the two other main silver treasures of the period, the auction house

"Every time I look at it I get goose pimples," said Marcus Linell, (shown above) senior director of Sothaby's of Europe. "It is a startling find in every respect."

"It is so good and so grand and of such good quality that it will make a reappraisal of the art of the period neces-

Brazil Indians dying in hundreds

SAO PAULO, Feb 10, (Reuter): A Roman Catholic church group yesterday accused the Brazilian government of being responsible for the death of 1,500 Yanomami Indians over the past two years.

The estimate of 1,500 deaths, given by the Church's Indian Missionary Council (Cimi), was the most precise figure yet provided by any organisation in Brazil on the extent of the Indians' suffering. According to official figures, Brazil has nearly 10,000 Yanomami.

In defiance of the law, abont 40,000 gold diggers are prospecting in Yan-lomami lands and Indians have been dying of recently imported diseases, such as malaria and measles, since the Amazon gold rush reached their rugged jungles in

The plight of the Yanomami, the biggest tribe of forest Indians in the Americas, has attracted international attention and led to demonstrations against Brazil in Europe.

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shot dead in Niger

was calm today.
Police acted to disperse hundreds of striking student demon-strators when they tried to march from the university across the Niger river to the main business

the other with an eye injury.

which is in the Sahara Desert.

Ten pupils

Police shot dead 10 students in Niger's capital Niamcy and wounded 50 when they opened fire to disperse a protest against austerity measures and cutbacks,

medical sources said today.

There has been no official reaction to the reports of the shootings yesterday and the city

district

The sources said one of the victims was a 13-years-old youth. At least two policemen were hurt, oxe with a stab wound and

The 4,500 university students went on strike to oppose austerity measures and cutbacks that are part of an economic restructuring programme agreed by the government with the world

The strike has since spread to the capital's secondary and primary schools. There has been no official

reaction to the strike and the shootings which are without recent precedent in this vast and impoverished country, most of

on orders from North Koreans. Florida radio station offers Rooney a job

TAMPA, Florida, Feb 10, (UPI): Andy Rooney, the droll, ever-wondering essayist suspended by CBS News for racist remarks attributed to him in a Los Angeles homosexual publication, was offered a job yesterday hosting a talk show on a Florida radio

The three-month package offered by Tampa radio station WFLA-AM includes free use of a gulfside condominium near St Petersburg, daily limousine services and a plum, noon to 3 pm time slot, station operations manager Gabe Hobbs said. "We've never really hired anybody of this stature

before, so I really don't know what to expect," he said. "I think the chance to spend a winter vacation in Florida and an opportunity to continue working certainly may pique his interest."

Rooney, a best-selling book writer and commen-tator on the popular CBS News programme "60 minutes," was suspended Thursday for three months by CBS News president David Burke after the Advocate, a bi-weekly newspaper, quoted him as saying black people "watered down" their genes because the less intelligent have the most children.

Kelso, now commander in chief of the US Atlantic Command and supreme allied commander for the Atlantic, would succeed Admiral Carlisle A.H.

Trost, whose term expires June 30.

Kelso, 56, is a former commander of the US Atlantic Fleet and the Sixth Fleet. The Fayetteville, Tennessee, native is a 1956 naval academy graduate. (AP)

Twins hold-up sheriff, kill selves: Twin robbery suspects held the Richland county sheriff hostage in the county courthouse for four hours Friday night before one of the twins killed his brother and himself, authorities said. The sheriff was unharmed.

Assistant county prosecutor Jerry Ault said Brad Jordan killed his twin brother, Chad, with a single shot to the head, then turned the weapon on himself. The 18-year-old brothers had been brought from jail to the sheriff's detective bureau in the courthouse for questioning about a string of robberies they allegedly committed 10 days before in three northeas-

The twins overcame deputy Deb Strine and took her gun, then held her bostage until sheriff Dale Shetler exchanged himself for Strine, said sheriff's

officer Gregory Kemp. Shetler was in the room when Jordan killed his brother and himself, Kemp said.

The twins' mother, Sandra Teeters, and step-brother, Kenneth Teeters, were outside the court-house during the standoff. (AP)

Oldest journalism club closes: The vanishing image of the hard-drinking, chain-smoking reporter has lost more of its varnish — the oldest press club in the United States has closed its doors in Philadelphia

Philadelphia.

The 98-year-old pen and pencil club survived the death of more than a dozen Philadelphia periodicals but now has fallen victim to the changing drinking habits of journalists and the high-crime neighbourhood it moved to in 1986.

More than a hundred people — close to half the club's dwindling membership — jammed the bar Friday night, threatening to drain the beer supply. Stories were swapped — about the card games in the 1950s that would bring police raids, the time a couple got caught in the restroom in an amorous clinch, the numerous "raunchy" parties. (AP)

Crematorium operator to be tried: A former mortician serving a sentence for mutilating corpses was charged with murder in the poisoning death of a competitor in 1985, authorities said in Los



Tit-for-tat expulsion: A Greek diplomat ordered out by Turkey in a fit-for-tat expulsion left for Athens on Saturday, airport officials said. Elias Klis, consul-general in Istanbul, returned bome after Athens last week told Kemal Gur, Turk-

ey's consul-general in the northern town of Gur had referred to Muslim ethnic Turks in wes-tern Thrace as "fellow countrymen" and "citizens of

Greece insists on describing the 120,000-strong minority, remnants of Ottoman-Turkish rule which ended in 1913, as "Greek Muslim." (Reuter)

Minister called an idiot: A British minister has been described by a judge as "idiotic and provocative" for ticking off a little girl after stealing flowers from his garden, it was reported in London

Employment Minister Tim Eggar was later attacked by her outraged father and had two teeth

broken in the brawl. But when the angry parent appeared in court yesterday on an assault charge, Judge Keith McHale said he could well understand his feeling. The father was sentenced to three weeks jail susp-

ended for a year.

The court heard that Eggar had seen the girl and

ber 11-year-old friend taking flowers from his front garden, and decided to rebuke them. (Kuna)

Le Pen reignites conflict: The controversial French extreme-right leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen Thursday reignited a conflict with the Jewish com-munity in Paris by reaffirming that the gas chambers

In an interview with the "Quotidien de Paris," Le Pen defended his earlier position in calling the gas chambers, used by the Nazis in liquidating several non-Aryan communities, as details of history and not the cause of the whole war.

He first made this declaration in September 1987, ruffling the feathers of the Jewish community that

demands a national day for the memory of the gas chamber victims in Nazi concentration camps.

Buna death toll rises: The death toll from an explosion at an ageing East German chemical plant rose to five on Saturday when two people died in hospital.
Over 20 workers were injured in the blast.

The official news agency ADN said the cause of Friday's blast in a carbide-producing oven at the state-owned Buna chemical complex near Halle remained unclear

Much of East Germany's heavy industry dates from the early 1900s and lacks basic anti-pollution and safety devices. Workers had long accused Buna of being unsafe. (Reuter)

Asia

Burmese troops cross border: Burmese troops crossed into Thailand while launching intense attacks against one of the last Karen rebel military camps along the Thai-Burmese border, Thai border patrol police said Saturday.

Police officers, who requested anonymity, said the Burmese failed to capture the camp, Kaw Moo Ra, after four days of stepped-up lighting which included intense mortar and rocket barrages.

The Karen are among a dozen ethnic minoritles

fighting the central government in Burma for greater autonomy. In recent months, Burmese troops have overrun a string of Karen bases along the border. (AP)

SANTA CLARITA, California, Feb 10 (AP): Del Shan-

non, who wrote and sang anguished rock songs in the 1960s, including the hits "Runaway" and "Keep Searching," died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Shannon's wife, "Bonnie" Leanne, found her busband's

body Thursday night in the den of their home 35 miles (56

kilometres) northwest of Los Angeles, sheriff's deputy Roger Hom said yesterday.

Los Angeles county coroner's spokesman Bob Damba-cher said an autopsy would be performed over the week-end. He said Shannon died from a .22-calibre bullet wound

Hom said the death was being investigated as a possible



New arrival

Salt Lake City's Hogle Zoo shows off its newest resident, a male orangutan born Feb 1 to Hogie Zoo's Jiggs and Vickie, a female on loan from the San Diego Zoo. The infant is only the fifth orangutan born at Hogle Zoo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Fail to show up

Whale-size of a puzzle

MEXICO CITY, Feb 10, (AP): Thousands of grey whales that normally make their way to the warm bays of Baja California to give birth have failed to show up so far this season, and authorities said yesterday they don't know who. don't know why,
"This is the first time this has happened,"

said Graciela de la Garza, head of conserva-tion for the Department of Ecology and Urban Development

Speculation about the reason for the whales' disappearance range from the effects of last year's Exxon Vaidez oil spill in Alaska to a new, cold-water current in the Pacific near Mexico's western peninsula.
Normaly about 2,000 grey whales migrate

each year to Baja California, giving birth to about 1,000 calves before returning to Aro-tic waters, marine mammal experts said. This year, only 12 to 20 have arrived, according to Mexican authorities interviewed Thursday and yesterday.

Malaysia to set record straight: The Malaysian government plans a field trip to Borneo for European Economic Community officials, in an effort to prove that logging of tropical rain forests does not threaten the livelihood of nomadic tribes.

Since the EEC expressed concern about conserva-tion of tropical rain forests and the plight of nomadic Penans living in Borneo jungles, Malaysia bas decided to "set the report straight," Ajir Singh, secretary-general of the Association of South-East Asian Nations, said Friday.

Malaysian officials said EEC officials and 50 jour-ualists will take time out from a regional meeting Feb [6-17 in Kuching, capital of Sarawak state, to visit the Penans and see that forests are not being chopped down indiscriminately.

Pets get love tokens: Roses are red, violets and blue, Rover my pet, this Valentine's for you.

Unlikely but true, lapan's ever-resourceful department stores have found a new way of squeezing profits from Valentine's day—love tokens for your

favourite poodle of Persian est.

The Tokyu store in Nihonbashi, central Tokyo, is selling beribboned giftpacks of chocolates, biscuits, dried fish or beef for a mere 500 yen (\$3.50). (Reater)

Crime cases doubled in '89: The number of "counter-revolutionary" offences and other crimes committed in China more than doubled in

1989, the Chinese government said.

Public Security Vice Minister Yu Lei told a group of legislators there were 1.97 crimes reported last year, 1.14 million more than in 1988, the official China Daily reported Saturday.

Africa

Savimbi promised US aid: A leader of Angola's and-communist rebels said Friday he received assurances of continued US support as his forces face perhaps their severest test in 15 years of

letemias Chitunda, vice president of the Unita rebels, met with Under Secretary of State Robert Kimmitt and said he was promised material, political

and diplomatic support.
The US-backed Unita forces have been engaged in an intense battle with government forces for control of an area in southeast Angola that has been in rebel hands for years. Most of the fighting has been centred

on the town of Mavinga.

"We appreciate very much the sensitivity, the understanding that is manifest here towards the urgency and the seriousness of the intensity of the offensive," Chitunda said in an interview. (AP)

50 die in cholera epidemic: A cholera epidemic in the Zambian capital has killed at least 50 people in less than a week and all social gatherings have been banned in an effort to slow the spread of

the disease, government officials said Friday.

The government called an emergency meeting with aid donors and relief agencies Friday to solicit funds to curb the epidemic, whose outbreak was officially announced last Sunday.

"It had to be impulsive," said his lifelong friend and personal manager Dan Bourgoise. "In the end, he must have felt alone. All the paramoid things that made him

write those songs he wrote, like "Runaway." - I think be

He said Shannon was nearing completion on a new

"I'm very saddened to have lost a friend," Perty said in a

Bourgoise said Shannon had been depressed recently.

all kinds of worse-case scenarios in his head," Bourgoise

He was disoriented and be was sick and he started to do

album with Tom Petty's group, the Heartbreakers.

statement. "Del was one of the true greats."

just ended up being that lonely guy."

Rings pumping out thousands of bogus papers

Alien smuggling boom in Asia

HONG KONG, Feb 10, (AP): Selling travel documents and smuggling aliens have become a booming business in Asia, with government officials and middlemen making fortunes creating new identities for

thousands of people.

Paying up to \$30,000 a piece, thousands of Asians are leaving their continent and hoping for a better life. Most want to go to North America. Some enter a life of crime along the

way.

"Alien smuggling is the crime of the '90s," said Mark D. Riordan, a Hong Kong-based special agent of the US immigration and Naturalisative services as lucrative. tion Service. "It's almost as lucrative as drugs but the penalties and dan-gers are minimal."

The latest rage involves a complex paper trial where legitimate travel agents in Hong Kong pay large fees for real passports and visas and then sell them to their clients. But it's also done traditionally by faking visas and ferreting travellers across bor-

Diplomats and travel agents say officials from Latin American countries have sold thousands of genuine travel documents to Chinese fleeing the communist regime. Bolivia recently removed several China-based iomats after allegations of trading travel documents for sex and money. in December, the consul general for Panama in Hong Kong submitted his resignation after allegations that the consulate sold up to 7,000 visas to Chipese.

On the traditional end, counterfeit rings, are pumping out thousands of bogus travel documents to Thais, Malays, Pakistanis, Filipinos, Taiwanese and the people of Hong

Kong. Currently, the biggest market for travel documents is China, where businessmen and the children of important officials are fleeing the increasingly hard-line state. Another is Hong Kong, which reverts to com-munist Chinese rule in 1997.

Naturalisation Service report iden-

on the increase," it said. Most of the travellers want to go to North America, businessmen and immigration officials say. But immigration there legally is difficult.

American by way of the United States or Canada, entering North America under a category called

Arriving in North America, the immigrants attempt to speak out of airports. Failing that, they continue to Latin America where they try to enter North America from the south. Prices for a genuine visa or pass-port from Latin America range between \$6,000 and 30,000, business-

exchange for years of service, diplomats say.
In New York City, Chinese criminal organisations have been paying an average of \$30,000 for men from Fujian province in southern

gangs, the INS report said.

"They have to commit crimes to pay back their sponsor," said one Western law enforcement source.

more money it's worth." Law enforcement agents say there is little they can do to stop the trade. First time smugglers in the United

tified "an elaborate and intricate smuggling pipeline" into America used by people from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

"This illegal traffic is noticeably on the increase" it said

mmigration there legally is difficult. Without a relative in the United States!most people have little chance of becoming Americans. Canada has strict residency requirements.

One way people leave Asia is to first obtain Latin American travel documents and then to South

"transit without visa."

men say. The large fees often mean that people borrow buge sums of money from crime syndicates in

China to be smuggled into America as "indentured servants" in the

The more violent the crime, the

States and Canada are rarely jailed and profits appear immense.

A Chinese woman, Cheng ChuiHave dollar, will sell passport

Not of cash, Mr Zhang escaped China.

A \$2,500 bribe bought him a Chinese passport. Another
\$6,000 bought him what he said was a genuine Brazilian visa and a ticket to South America. With some luck and \$8,000 more, he says he il have a real Brazilian passport in

a monin.

On Feb 3, he arrived in Hong Kong. As he paced his Hong Kong botel room shortly before he left for Brazil, Zhang said hewas glad to be out of China. A suitcase of US dollars stood by his bed.

"I'm a businessman," said Zhang, who spoke on condition that his whole name not be used. "My nationality got

in the way of my work." China does not roudnely issue passports to its people and obtaining one has become increasingly difficult since

Peng, who faces alien smuggling charges in Bullalo, New York, made tens of millions of dollars in the trade,

Hong Kong travel agent John

"The Chinese are desperate," said

Jean Chong, another travel agent who claims he has sold scores of gen-uine Ecuadorian passports to Chin-ce nationals. "All they want to do is

To get Chinese out of China, usinessmen in Hong Kong say they

buy visas and passports from Argen-tina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Thailand Panama, which once rop-

ped the list for document sales, saw

its popularity plummet after the United States invasion in December.

The Chinese government does not

Choi estimates the industry has made

the INS alleges.

Thousands of Chinese who have bought their way out of their communist homeland in the last year, making for-tunes for middlemen and government officials dealing in

the crackdown on the pro-democracy movement last

routinely issue passports to its peo-ple, and the travel agents often buy those from corrupt police or local officials. The going price is about

countries generally deny that their countries sell travel documents. roughly \$140 million in the past year moving Chinese out of China. Carlos Pimentel, the consul gen His office combines the routine eral of Brazil in Hong Kong, said Brazilian officials in Asia do not sell business of selling plane tickets with intricate task of moving people out of travel documents. He said any such

documents were forgeries. A spokesman for the Argentinean embassy in Beijing said he was "fairly sure that every visa" granted by the embassy was legal. But Western diplomats, who have

seen examples from several Latin American countries, said many of the documents appear genuine. "This type of traffic could not occur without the highest approval," said on Western diplomat.

One country, Bolivia, has acknowledged the sales. Bolivian diplomats were

TOKYO, Feb 10, (Reuter):

Emhattled Prime Minister

Toshiki Kaifu slammed the

opposition Socialists' "irrespon-sible" tax policies today as polls showed almost one Japanese

voter in three still bas not decided

With the general election campaign entering its final week, Kaifu went on the offensive dur-

ing a stumping tour of western Japan in hopes of convincing the

'undecided" to back his Liberal

For the first time since the

LDP's formation in the 1950s.

the party faces the possibility that it will lose its majority in the

the upper house defeat it suffered

"Even the other opposition parties are against this plan," he

told voters in a town near Osaka.

"Is it possible that you are going

to hand over a heavy respon-

sibility (to a party) that is irre-

sponsible?"
JSP leader Takako Doi'a

recent proposal to abolish an unpopular three per cent sales tax and reinstate the commodity

tax has become a major election

issue which is further dividing an

The Democratic Socialist

already fragmented opposition.

Democratic Party.

last July.

last year.

how to vote on February 18.

and his colleagues have made around \$140 million in the past year moving Chinese out of China. Most of the emigrants are rich businessmen or the sons and daughters of high-ranking Communist Party officials, the travel agents say.

The final destination for most of the travellers is North

Businessmen from three major Hong Kong-based travel agents estimate that more than 10,000 Chinese have left the

mainland by buying either bogus or genuine travel documents since late 1988 when the Communist Party

Prices for a visa or passport range between \$6,000 and \$30,000 huge sums for an average Chinese.

Hong Kong travel agent John Chui estimated that he

decided to halt the decade-long programme of econon

America, travel agents say. Zhang said he hopes to go to the United States and also return in China as a "foreigner" — eligible for better hotels and other facilities usually off limits to average Chinese.

Japan voters

Campaign in final phase

still in a fix

"improperly issuing" thousands of visas in China until the middle of last year, said Oscar Siles, Bolivia's new consul-general in Hong Kong. Some were being exchanged for sex and others for money, diplomats said. The illegal practice was halted after several diplomats were fired. Siles Diplomats from Latin American

Businessmen claim the biggest single outlet for visas for Chinese nationals was the Pansmanian consulate in Hong Kong, which, according to Hong Kong immigration records obtained by the Associated Press, issued about 7,000 last year.

The consulate was run by Ciro Noriega, the cousin of deposed strongman Manuel Notiega, but he has submitted his resignation. Pan-amanian 'trade official Martin Palacios said that any illegal activity occurred in Panama and not in Hong

South Korea has been a recent popular destination for Chinese and



Reunited at last

Sok Il-Su (right), a resident from Soviet Far East island of Sakhalin, embraces his sister Sok Bong-Yi after they were reunited at Seoul's Kimpo alroort. A

Hun Sen rejects Khmer peace bid

Counter offer made

BANGKOK, Feb 10, (UPI): Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen rejected a Khmer Rouge proposal on upcoming peace talks and a rebel leader said the opposition group may boycott the meeting, officials and a news agency said.

That government spokesman Suvit Yodmanee said rebel

leader Prince Sihanouk said yesterday that Khiefu Samphan, the head of the Khmer Rouge, was unwilling to attend the upcoming peace talks, scheduled for Feb 26-28 in Jakarta.

Suvit quoted Sihanouk as saying Khieu Samphan would only participate in talks if they included representatives from the five permanent members of the UN Security Council — China, the Soviet Union, the United States, France and Great

The government news agency SPK quoted Hun Sen as rejecting the Khmer Rouge demand and countering with an offer to include representatives from Canada, Australia and Austria. The Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge, a non-communist group

He said his friend had fought drugs, depression and alcoholism as his carrer faltered, but had been sober since

Singer Bobby Vee said he talked with Shannon last

Vecalso said Shannon was despondent about going on a

British tour and his recent move into a new house.

It had been years since Shannon, who was born Charles

Westover in Coopersville, Michigan, on Dec 30, 1934, had a hit song or whirled around in the popularity frenzy that surrounded him in the 1960s.

weekend before the two performed in Fargo, North Dak-

ota, at an annual Buddy Holly Memorial concert.

lead by Sihanouk and another non-communist rebel group have waged a three-pronged resistance against the Vietnamese-backed Cambodian government for over a decade. In recent months, Vietnamese

troops have withdrawn from the country and the rebel forces bave reportedly captured extensive territory along the Thai border. The planned peace talks were originally to include represen-

tatives from the Cambodian resistance groups, Vietnam, Laos and the six-member Association of Southeast Asian nations. In another development, loyal

Cambodian government troops pursued and fought with 70 mutinous soldiers who looted civilian properties and seized boats, a senior Thai navy officer said today. Rear Admiral Sumitr Chuen-

manust, chief of staff of the Thai border defence command, said the Phnom Penh government ordered a number of its troops to pursue mutinous soldiers who briefly look over Koh Kong, the country's second-largest port on Singer-songwriter Del Shannon dies from apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound

S. Korea

Shoutings "crush the conservative dictatorship," about 700 students rushed out of Seoul's Josang University and pelted riot police with bundreds of irrebombs and rocks.

firing barrages of tear gas. No police figures on injuries and arrests were available.

The fighting crupted after about 1,000 riot police sealed off Korea University in eastern Seoul to block

m the capital.

Before clashing with police, the students, who had gathered at the school by evading police checks in the streets, burned a symbol of the

Young-Sam and Kim Jong-Pil. In leaflets scattered today, the students claimed the merger was instigated by the United States to establish a pro-US government in South Korea. They also demanded the immediate withdrawal of US troops based in South Korea under a mutual

alliance protested

defence pact and shouted anti-US

SEOUL, Feb 10, (AP): Hundreds of students shouting anti-government and anti-US slogans fought riot police today with firebombs and rocks to protest the creation of a new governing party.

About 620 riot police stopped the students at the school's main gate.

an anti-government rally involving radical students from major schools

new governing democratic Liberal Party.

Shannon learned to play guitar at 13, entertained in high

school and, after a two-year stint in the army, began playing clubs in his homestate of Michigan. An Ann Arbor disc jockey who heard him set up an audition and Shannon

flew to New York to record "Runaway" for big top

It was his strong falsetto choruses on his hits, including "Hats Off to Larry," that became Shannon's trademark

With the late Roy Orbison, Shannon set s groove for American rock in the early 1960s with country-influenced pop ballads, and like Orbison he was swept aside by the

during the height of his career.

Party, one of the JSP's potential coalition partners if the LDP Nihon Keizai Shimbun, reported loses its majority, has publicly questioned Doi's tax plan. voters nation-wide said in tele-The Socialists are not fielding enough candidates to stand a chance of winning outright vic-

BELIING, Feb 10, (AP): A prominent Chinese journalist who was arrested eight months ago for supporting prodemocracy atudent protesters has been allowed a visit from her

time at Qincheng prison on the outskirts of Beijing late last month, just before the lunar new year. China's most important

mental and feminist issues.

The daughter, Wang Xiaojia. denied a report in the Hong Kong press that Dai had been released from prison and placed

powerful lower bouse, a replay of Kaifu directed his heaviest fire at the Japan Socialist Party (JSP), the largest opposition Kailu: on the huslings group, and its plan to rein-troduce indirect taxes abolished

tory, but have said they would seek to rule with other non-communist parties. With just one week to go, all the signs were that the election would be very close. The Sankei Shimbun news-

that shows 31.3 per cent of 3,000 voters it polled across Japan would vote for the LDP. But a combined 33.6 per cent said they would back one of the opposition parties, with 21.9 per cent throwing their support to

paper released a survey today

JSP candidates. Another survey on Friday also ._ pointed to voter uncertainty. A leading economic daily, the that 32.4 per cent of some 6,300 phone interviews they bad yet to decide which party or candidate

Chinese journalist Dai allowed visitors

family, ber daughter said yesterday.

Dai Qing's busband and daughter visited ber for the first last spring in calling for guaran-

boliday. Dai, a reporter for the Guangming Daily, a newspaper for intellectuals, is one of China's leading journalists, well-known for her critical and outspoken reporting on political, environ-

under house arrest.

Authorities told the family that the investigation of Dai's

case had recently been completed but that she would continue to be held under "guardianship,"
Wang said, adding that the
family had no idea when Dai
might be released. Dai joined other journalists

tees of greater press freedoms, and on May 14, fearing a crackdown, she pleaded with student demonatrators to leave Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Dai publicly resigned from the Communist Party on June 4 after troops entered Beijing and

occupied the square, killing hundreds and perhaps thousands of unarmed civilians in the process. She was taken from her home by security forces on July 13.

Wang said her mother seemed well during their visit and appeared to be holding up emotionally. She said Dai did nol apepar to have been beaten and was not handeuffed or restrained during their one-hour meeting in a visitors room.

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Moscow raises stakes on German unity as Kohl flies in



Kohl (right) is greeted by Shevardnadze. (Reuter wirephoto)

MOSCOW, Feb 10, (Reuter): The Soviet Union raised the stakes for German unity today as Chancellor Helmut Kohl flew to Moscow by saying East and West Germany should be neutral once they merge.

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told a neutral conference German pautrality of

told a news conference German neutrality, a plan rejected by Bonn, was "a good old idea that first arose in the 1950s" and had always been central to Moscow's European policies.

"I think this is the most rational and most correct approach." Shevardnadze said before heading for the airport to meet Kohl, who will have talks with Kremlin leaders aimed at calming Soviet fears of a resurgent German superpower.

Reporting the chancellor's arrival, the official Soviet news agency Tass said the first words the two exchanged showed the great mutual interest in the meeting at a time of major political change in the centre of

Tass said Kohl would meet President Mikhail Gorbachev later for talks expected to

focus on German reunification, noting that both East and West Germany were now in favour of a united state.

The Soviet-West German talks are expected to clarify the position of the sides," the official agency added.

Bonn and its western allies have rejected the neutrality plan, an idea first proposed by Josef Stalin and revived by East Germany's Prime Minister Hans Modrow last week.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. accompanying Kohl on the hastily-arranged visit, countered with a plan for a united Germany within Nato but without any western troops on the territory of the now collapsing East German state.

Kohl will also visit Paris and Washington later this month and London in March to reassure those other World War Two victors about German unity.

He will meet Modrow in Bonn on Tuesday
- an encounter Shevardnadze said today would be "of extreme importance" - to discuss practical steps towards unity, looming ever larger as 2,000 people cross the border to the West daily.

The hardest job will be in the Soviet Union, which lost at least 20 million people during World War Two and long saw Germany's division as insurance that war would not come

We bave been for the unity of the German nation from the beginning, but the neutrality principle has always been central to our thinking," said Shevardnadze, who accepts unity will come but appears to take a harder line than Gorbachev.

Several speakers, including Polithuro conservative Yegor Ligachev, also voiced concern about a robust reunited Germany during a party plenum in Moscow this week.

The foreign minister left some leeway for Kohl, who meets Gorhachev later today and returns bome tomorrow.

"There must be a solution to the problem which does not contradict general European interests," he said. "There could be various

Romania radio, TV chief resigns

BUCHAREST. Feb 10. (AP): Romania's embattled chief of hroadcasting said today he was resigning because of intensifying "political conflicts" over the freedom of state-run television.

Opposition members have accused the revolutionary government of using TV as a political weapon. It has been one of the key issues as Romania prepares for its first free multiparty elec-

tions since World War It.

Broadcasting chief Aurel
Dragos Munteanu said his goal had been to promote freedom of information, and he worried that Romanians had been so poisoned by the legacy of communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu that they looked for "betrayal and hatred" in every word, even those spoken sin-

On Jan 29, Munteanu resigned as chief spokesman of the ruling council of the National Salvation Front in response 10 criticism by the opposition.

But almost daily demonstrations outside broadcasting headquarters since then also demanded his resignation as president of Romanian radio and television, saying he had too many ties to the Front, which has decided to contest the elections in

Protesters demanded that the freedom won during December's revolution which toppled Ceausescu be transferred to the TV screen.

Munteanu's letter of resignation, published today on the front page of major newspapers, drew bigger headlines than Friday's first meeting of the new council of national unity, which will run Romania until elections.

In what was billed as perhaps the first democratically made decision in 40 years, the new council of national unity had agreed to expand from 180 to 259 members to provide a hroad base for the new interim government.

The outgoing National Salvation Front agreed to the coalition government after protests of its decision to field candidates in the election. The Front, which included many communist party veterans, bad ruled without opposition participation.

The consensus to increase the new body's membership came after more than four hours of debate at the former national assembly huilding.

Interim President Ion Iliescu. who led the outgoing Front's rul-ing council, presided over the meeting. Election of the new council president was apparently put off, with lliescu a strong favourite.

"This first meeting, which was quite heated, led to-consensus and a final list of council members," Iliescu said at the end of the 7 1-2-bour session.

An earlier decision to increase the council to 241 members was expanded to given even greater

representation. The assembly building is being used for the first time since the

uprising against Ceausescu, who was overthrown Dec 22 and executed three days later. The council agreed to meet again The first four hours of debate

Friday centered on whether nine new parties registered in the last week should be given seats and on questions regarding the scating of ethnic groups.

The World Health Organisation is planning a campaign to

Superpowers agree to destroy poison gas

Progress on N-accord reported: Baker arrives in Sofia

MOSCOW, Feh 10, (Agencies): The United States and the Soviet Union promised today to sign an agreement to destroy most of their chemical weapons and announced major progress towards a sweeping accord on strategic nuclear arms.

US officials were jubilant that a three-day visit to Moscow by Secretary of State James Baker had cleared the way for a series of arms control deals to be signed at next June's superpower summit in the

Only the United States and the

Soviet Union admit possessing poison gas, but US officials say

more than 20 states are able to produce what has been dubbed

the poor man's atom bomb."

states adbered to the Geneva

convention which would ban

production, stockpiling and use

of chemical weapons, Officials in Geneva expect the accord to be

Later in the day, Baker arrived in Solia for talks with new Bul-

He was met at the airport by

his Bulgarian counterpart Boiko

Dimitrov, the Bulgarian news

statement on Baker's visit repor-

ted progress on several technical

hut vital issues that have been

holding up a Strategic Arms

Reduction Treaty (Start) aimed

at halving superpower arsenals

of long-range missiles and bom-

It said Moscow and Washing-ton were resolved to settle all

major issues by the June summit

"in order to allow signature of

said the Moscow talks had

"broken the back of the Start

agreement. There is no question

in my mind that we will have a

Start agreement and we will meet

the President's (Bush's) targets."

Start negotiators in Geneva

are already agreed each side

should have a maximum 6,000

warheads ahoard no more than

The progress reported at Bak-

er's Moscow talks with Soviet

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze included:

All issues on air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMS) were

agreed except the range defini-tion, where the United States has

wanted above 1,500 km (930

miles) and the Soviet Union

above 600 km (375 miles). This

suggested the two sides had

agreed on how to determine how

many ALCMS a bomber was

carrying.

Sea-launched cruise missiles

(SLCMS) will be dealt with hy

1.600 delivery vehicles.

A senior US arms negotiator

the treaty by the end of the year.

In Moscow a separate

ready within two years.

garian leaders.

agency BTA said.

The statement pledged the two countries to ensure that all such

A joint statement said the superpowers would work out a chemical

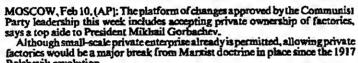
weapons (CW) agreement "including ... the destruction of the hulk of their CW stocks to equal low levels."

"They will proceed with the objective of completing and signing such an agreement at the June 1990 summit meeting" between US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, it said.

Baker said the deal closely mirrored a proposal by Bush last year that both sides destroy 80 per cent of their stockpiles immediately and later destroy all but one or two per cent after a 40-nation convention is

Soviet reform

Factory may be owned



The aide, Nikolai Petrakov, also said in an interview with the official news agency Tass that he personally favours denationalising state businesses and the possibility of allowing foreign firms to buy stock in Soviet enterprises.

He said the economic section of the platform is based on "many forms of ownership of the means of production and other things, including co-operative

and individual property."

In Markist terminology, "means of production" are factories and equipment. The party's policy-making central committee gave Gorbachev nearly unanimous approval Wednesday for a proposal to remove an article from the Soviet constitution that gives the communists a legal monopoly on power.

The platform thereby opened the possibility of alternative political parties. But officials have revealed little about the changes in communist economic policy approved by the party leadership.

Gorbachev said yesterday he plans to press for more reforms once the Communist Party has formally relinquished its monopoly on power, which will not happen until a full congress of party delegates meets in late June.

Gorbachev said yesterday that he had achieved everything he set out to do as

this week's three-day central committee meeting.
"Once we have solidified this phase, we will move on," Gorbackey told reporters before heading into a meeting with US Sccretary of State James Baker. who was in Moscow for talks on arms reduction proposals.



"politically binding declara-tions" outside the Start treaty. This apparently was a victory for Washington which said it was impossible to verify SLCMs and wanted each side to only declare how many it possessed. Baker said a dispute over range defini-

tion existed here too. There will be limits on nondeployed "spare" missiles that have been flight-tested from a mobile launcher, but not on other types.

■ There was agreement on ways to ensure that data being radioed back by missiles under flight test is not coded to elnde surveillance by the other side.

In a measure designed to build up confidence, Shevardnadze told a newsconference today that Soviet experts would be allowed to visit US radar stations at Flyingdales, England, and Tbule, Greenland, and US experts could visit Soviet ones. The statement said that negotiators had also forged ahead on two agreements, unrelated to Start, to limit the size of underground nuclear tests to 150 kilotons. US officials forecast that these too would be ready for the June summit.

On conventional forces, Gorbachev accepted yesterday the Nato proposal tabled the previous day at East-West troop cut talks in Vieuna that US and Soviet forces in Europe, excluding Soviet territory, be cut to 195,000 each.

But he rejected Nato's claim to an extra 30,000 US troops in countries outside the central sector, saying common ceilings must apply — either 195,000 or 225,000.

In what appeared to be a com-promise, Baker and Shevardnadze agreed that a summit meeting of all 35 states involved in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe

(CSCE) be held this year.

This would sign the conventional forces accord that Nato and the Warsaw Pact are working on in Vienna, but would not, as Moscow had sought, replace a full CSCE summit planned for 1992 in Helsinki. It would merely prepare for that summit.
The statement gave no sugges-

tion of major advances on regional conflicts, although Baker and Shevardnadze pledged support for peace efforts in Latin America, Korea, Cam-bodia, the Middle East and southern Africa.

It said, however, they had a "constructive discussion" on Afghanistan, where Moscow's military aid to the Kahul government and Washington's aid to the mujahideen rebels have led to the continuation of a bloody civil

Washington recently dropped its stance that Soviet-hacked Afghan President Najibullah must step down before peace talks began with the mnjahideen.



Berlin film festival

For the first time in its 40-year history the Berlin film lestival is being held on both sides of tha city, giving many East Berlinars their first chance to rub elbows with international

The prestigious event opened Friday in West Berlin with the lilm "Street Magnolias," which stars some of the industry's most famous actresses — Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley Maclain and Daryl Hannah.

But now, with the Berlin Wall reduced to a relic, films will Tha 12-day festival will feature about 700 works from all

over tha world. In the pictura above Julia Roberts (left) and Daryl Hannah al the festival. (Reutar wirephoto)

Sofia party faces challenge

Three quit leadership

SOFIA, Fcb. 10, (AP): The ruling Communist Party suffered another setback yesterday when three reformers announced they had quit the party leadership, a week after being elected to the newly created Supreme Council.

The state news agency BTA reported that all three representatives of the Alternative Socialist Organisa-tion, a reformist faction within the party, had teft the 153-member Supreme Council.

They were identified as Koprinka Chervenkova, Kiril Vassilev and tvan Nikolov.

The resignations thwarted efforts to give the party a more progressive public image, and it now faces an

even graver challenge. Nikolai Vassilev, leader of ASO and Kiril Vassilev's son, on Wednesday told the Associated Press he expected two-thirds of delegates to an ASO congress on Feh 11 to vote to teave the Communist party and reform along social democratic lines as an alternative Socialist Party.

During a four-day party congress ending last Friday, new party chief Alexander Lilov and other officials said the party was embarking on a road of "socialist democracy." Word of the resignations came only a day after Bulgaria's new

Premier Andrei Lukanov presented to Parliament the country's first allcommunist government, admitting failure to convince the democratic opposition to join it.

The agrarian party, for decades a docile ally of the communists in the cabinet, refused to take part in Lukanov's government, saying it would not make sense to be in a "government of national concord" that does not include the opposition.

The three reformers had all been nominated by the party congress for the Supreme Council but failed to get enough votes for membership in the body, originally limited to 131 mem-In a compromise solution designed

to include reformers in party leader-ship, the Supreme Council was expanded. Twenty-two members were added.

including Chervenkova, Vassilev and Nikolov, without excluding others ranked ahead of them on a list of potential candidates. Chervenkova announced her resignation Feb 6, while the other

two said they were stepping down yesterday in a declaration published in the Communist Party daily Rabot-

halt the spread of Aids in Eastern Europe, where authorities have BTA said their statement been reluctant to regard it as a "categorically objects to" the "cadre compromise" made in exps ading the health problem, officials said in

aying bread on table will be a difficult job for East Europe A lot of personal sacrifice and Western aid required to make reforms work

FRANKFURT. West Germany, Feb 10, (API: In Eastern Europe, ideology has once again come face-10-face with hard reality. Making a revolution is often easier than fulfilling its goals.

After overthrowing four decades of rigid communist rule, the people of Eastern Europe are facing enormous problems.

The years of centrally planned systems and communist mismanagement have left East European economies in such ruins that a lot of help from the West and plenty of sacrifices of their own will be necessary before the countries can stand on their own.

While the problems are gigantic and many people are pessimistic, the pro-democracy drive received a tremendous boost when communist leaders in the Soviet Union on Wednesday endorsed President Mikhail Gorbachev's proposal that the party give up its

monopoly on power. The decision closed a circle that began with Gorbachev's reform policies of glasnost and perestroika, allowing East European countries to go their own way.

But it will take years before their economies are sound and competitive. During the adjustment to a free-market system, the governments will have to deal with unemployment, bankruptcies, inflation and massive debts, even an atrophied work ethic. Experts say the environmental problems in

ing on catastrophe and will take years and billions of dollars to clean up. An accelerating exodus of skilled workers averaging about 1,800 a day, strikes and

several East European countries are border-

absenteeism are driving East Germany to the brink of economic collapse. More than 400,000 East Germans bave

resettled in West Germany in a year. West Germany, struggling to cope with the rate of new arrivals, has been forced to step in to try to bail out the faltering neighbour with infusion of aid and plans for a quick monetary union. Unification may come faster than anyone anticipated.

Poland owes \$40 billion to Western creditors, Hungary and Yugoslavia about \$20 billion each. Yugoslavia's inflation rates is more than 1,500 per cent annually.

Solidarity Union leader Lech Walesa acknowledges the shock-therapy plan to tame the inflation and transform Poland into a free-

market economy is painful and says it needs a lot of Western aid. We are like a car with four wheels running

in different directions, moving fast but slipping backward. Nothing can be done from inside the car," Walesa told a reporter in Gdansk recently.

Poland was the forerunner in the democratic transformation when it became the first East European country to get a noncommunist government. In 1990, many eyes will be on Poland again to see how much progress it makes toward economic recovery.

The plan, which went into effect on Jan 1, decontrolled prices, foreign exchange and centrally allocated industrial inputs. It is hased on a restrictive budget policy designed to bring down inflation within six months and is coupled with a tight wage policy.
It is the most radical, daring economic

reform programme ever attempted in Eastern Yugoslavia's similar plan includes a six-

month wage freeze, strict monetary controls, closing down of unprofitable companies and liberalised imports to provide more competition to domestic industries. The dinar was

made convertible at a fixed rate to the West German mark. Both Poland Yugoslavia were advised on

their programmes by Jeffrey Sachs, a profes-sor of economics at Harvard University, one of the most prestigious colleges in the United

Although the wage freeze already has triggered a fresh wave of strikes in Yugoslavia, Sachs predicts the work stoppages will gradually cease as cheaper imports bring down domestic prices.

The political focus will be on free elections that are scheduled throughout the region this

Also, Poland and Czechoslovakia have asked the Soviets to withdraw their troops, and Budapest has requested an accelerated pace of the pullout from Hungary. Free parliamentary elections are scheduled

in East Germany, Hungary, Romania and Czechoslovakia, and local elections in Poland are expected to be moved up to April. In the Soviet Union, all 15 republics will hold local elections that will offer a choice of candidates. Bulgaria also is expected to hold

free elections although the date has not been

In non-aligned Yugoslavia, the communists are expected to compete with other groups in parliamentary elections that could take place as early as April.

Although it broke away from the Soviet bloc in 1948 and for years followed its own model of more liberal communism, Yugoslavia has fallen behind in the pace of political reforms going on in other East European countries.

Like the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia is a country with a delicate ethnic balance and different republics where nationlist feelings could jeopardise the transition to democracy.

The Baltic states in the Soviet Union are pushing for independence, strong nationalist movements have emerged in the republics of Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Mol-

davia, which borders Romania. The western-most Yugoslav republic of Slovenia also is toying with secession and its communists have broken away from the national party organisation after a deep split between reformers and hardliners.

A 10-year drive for more autonomy by

Yugoslavia's ethnic Albanians, most of them Muslims, in the southern province of Kosovo exploded in another round of violence at the end of January that killed nearly 30 people.

Neighbouring Albania remains the last bastion of Stalinism in Eastern Europe, but is showing cautious signs of emerging from its self-imposed isolation. Reports in Yugoslav and Greek newspapers of recent disturbances in Albania bave been strongly denied by

Thousands of Bulgarians have demonstrated against restoring the rights of Muslim ethnic Turks.

Such outhreaks of nationalism and ethnic fighting are reviving fears of instability that once made the Balkans the powder keg of Europe. They could sap the energies needed for an orderly transition to democracy and take precious time away from pressing economic problems.

The communists have lost their constitutionally guaranteed monopoly on power in East European countries, but they still bave powerful assets that give them an organisational advantage over the opposition in the campaign leading to the elections.

Kuwaiti students visit Palestinian camps | Demurrage free zone

Contributions distributed in Jordan

AMMAN, Feb 10, (Kuna): A delegation of the National Student Union of Kuwait University headed by the deputy president of the Union for Scientific Affairs Abdullah Al Sagr commenced their field trips to Palestinian refugee camps in Jor-

The delegation is to visit Al Ghaza and Al Hosin refugee camps in order to inspect

Amir in

for talks

Theofficials said that the Amir

and Qaboos will discuss joint

economic projects and ways to

of the GCC countries' economies

and all six are working to diver-

sify and form a common market

Al Halali historical tower and

Oman's military museum.

Ben Saoud Ben Harib.

The Amir later today visited

The Amir was accompanied

on the two visits by personal representatives of Qaboos Sayed

Thuwaini Ben Shibab and

Oman's Interior Minister Badr

the Amir marvelled at Oman's

traditional architecture and ingenuity representing part of

the sultanate's glorious history.

Qaboos will bost a dinner banquet tonight in honour of the

Meanwhile, Kuna learnt that the first round of official

Kuwaiti-Omani talks, co-chaired by the Amir and Sultan Qaboos will be held on the third day of the Amir's visit.

Increased

THE director-general of the

Public Authority for Civil Infor-mation Faisal Al Shayii has said

that the authority has started to introduce more facilities into its

public services, particularly the renewal of ID-cards sent by mail

or the phone-in inquiry service.

The authority is planning to

circulate a public questionnaire

to find out the public response to

the newly introduced services to

estimate the existing perfor-

mance level. The resultant feed-

back is intended to detect the

existing negatives still present in the work system, the official said.

He added that a special com-

mittee had been formed to con-

sider public proposals and com-plaints and that the replies would

be mailed to the person concer-

The authority was preparing

to introduce a new service

whereby people would be notified in time of the approach-

ing expiry date of their ID-cards.

Meanwhile, the authority has

sent notifications to the parents

of new born babies who should

have registered their children

within 60 days of their birth. The

penalty for delay would be enfor-

ced on the parents, Shayji said.

contribute

NICOSIA, Feb 10, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia, long at odds with Marxist South Yemen, is now

spending millions of dollars to

build medical and other facilities

in the impoverished country, the

Saudi Press Agency has repor-

ted.
"The kingdom and the

Democratic Republic of (South)

Yemen are looking for a better

future through the implementa-

tion of development program-

i; quoted Mohammed Abdullah

Al Saghir, vice-president of the

Saudi Development Fund, as

saying. Relations between the con-

servative oil-rich kingdom and

the neighbouring Soviet-style government in Aden have long

Saudis to

to Aden

hospital

ned to his address.

facilities

at Paci

Writing in the visitors book,

Oil exports are the backbone

Nations-sponsored

(Continued from Page 1)

ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Oman

the situations of their residents and distribute the contributions of the Knwaiti people to the Palestinian refugees.

The 19-member delegation of male and female students will be touring tomorrow Hiteen camps, the Islamic Society College in the city of Al Zarga and a number of other projects that the union participated in to see how they are running.

The five-day schedule of the union also consists of tours to the regions of Al Homma and the Jordan Valley, bordering the occupied territory as well as a visil to the Blind Society and the Kuwaiti embassy headquarters in the Jordanian capital.

The National Student Union of Kuwait University make annual visits to Jordan to carry the joint feelings of the Kuwaiti people to their Palestinian brothers, and to distribute the contributions of Kuwaitis to low income refugee families as well as to invest in society welfare projects that provide a source of income to families enabling them to take care of its members.

The delegation of the National Student Union of Kuwait University arrived here

Kenana arrives on three days visit

KUWAIT, Feb 10, (Kuna): Tanzanian Deputy Defence Minister Abdul Rahman Omar Kenana arrived here today on a three-day official visit.

The Tanzanian official told Kuna that his visit aims at deepening relations between his country and Kuwait, particularly in the military co-operation field.

He was received on arrival by Defence Undersecretary Faisal Ali Al Dawoud and other ministry officials.

Kenana will meet with Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber and the Army Chief of Staff Major-General Meziad Al Sana.

Talks will be held between the Tanzanian official and Faisal Al Dawoud and Deputy Chief of Staff Major-General Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah.

Romanian exhibition

UNDER the patronage of Faisal Abdel Razaq Al Khaled, Mini-ster of Commerce and Industry, a Romanian Trade Exhibition will take place at Kuwait International Hotel from Feb 12-18.

After the inauguration ceremony, which will take place at mezzanine floor at 10.00 am, HE Ioan Emil Vasiliu, Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade of Romania will meet with the Kuwaiti press to speak about the new economic priorities of

to be set up at ports

Border centres contracts awarded

THE director-general of the Kuwait General Customs Department Ibrahim Al Ghanim stated that a special demurrage free zone will shortly be set up at ports for lengthy storage (two years), and that tenders will be invited from local consultants for this purpose.

He told a local daily that a ministerial law would be issued for this purpose within the coming few days, and that massive customs changes will be made soon, particularly in the field of transit and provisional admis-sion. A number of steps would follow to de-regulate certain constraints believed constituting major obstacles in the customs

Three main customs areas would be constructed in Abdali, Nuwaiseeb and Salmy, within the framework of building customs centres at border towns. These centres would be linked to the departments of passports, security, health, and veterinary diseases, information and bousing and various other agencies concerned with the documenta-

tion of customs procedures in the country, the official said.

He added that the project construction will start sometime this year and would last for three years. The project is to cost KD30 million. The contract has been awarded to two local companies, the Kuwait Refrigeration Company and the Public Stores

Company.
He said that customs officers were able to seize in a single operation one and half kilos of heroin, six and a half kilos of hashish and half a million hallucinatory pills.

Vacancies

He said that during the last meeting of the Arab boycott office it was decided to lift the ban on a number of international companies, while new companies were added to the list of partially boycotted companies.

He pointed out that during the same meeting another decision was adopted providing for offering international companies better opportunities, facilities and privileges to set up their factories in Arah countries instead of boycotting these companies. He said that the department currently has vacancies for 270 employees for operation in the field of computer programming and accounting and 405 for operation in the fields of

documentation, training, inspection, security and safety. The department had no intention to raise the eustoms duty percentage and services were charged no fees while 70 per cent of foodstuffs were exempted from duties, Al Ghanim said.

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He added that the existing Kuwait customs law was part of a unified Arab law and that it is regularly updated to meet the requirements of new developments. Currently, efforts are underway to change clauses on transit and provisional admission in a bid to contribute to the reactivation of the existing economic situation.

He said that steps bad been taken to use bounds in the customs inspection process and that a cargo of police hounds had been already imported.



Training symposium

In the Iramework of Improving and strengthening co-operation and co-ordination between the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training and the manpower market, the Kuwalt Finance House invited a Dr. Ahmad Bu Zeber, the director of the Professional Development Centre at the authority to lecture at a market the Authority of th

Approb to celebrate Pakistan Resolution

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The commemoration will

of colonial rule. This resolution marked the beginning of the birth of a nascent nation.

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Japan fostering trade competitiveness: banker

JAPAN has succeeded in restructuring its economy from the traditionally export-oriented system over the past couple of decades into an imported-oriented one since the mid-eighties in a bid to reduce its enormous trade imbalance and foster trade competitive: ness with its major trading partners world-wide, in particular the United States, a leading Japanese banking analyst revealed in

Keikichi Honda, the General Manager of the Economic Research Division, Bank of Tokyo, Japan said in a lecture on world and Japanese economy at the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), that Japan has undertaken major steps to boost its imports by introducing a number of schemes in recent times. He added that this was precipitated by the fact that Jopan has traditionally held undue advantage over its trading partners in view of its export-oriented economy giving it substantial purchasing power, especially when the yen oppreciates, thereby causing concern in the dallardenominated market both in Japon and overseas. This factor he said gives Japan surplus revenue and increases world trade deficit in general and that of its trading allies like America and Western

Honda, who is also a board member of Bank of Tokyo, said that the Japanese Ministry of Trade and Development has given priority to boost imports by encouraging Japanese traders to adopt two key import-oriented schemes: "Development Import" and "Reversed Import."

Development Import refers to the policy when Japanese traders visit key overseas markets to become familiar with innovative and latest marketing trends so as to help them to decide how and what to manufacture back home. Reversed import applies to Japanese goods manufactured abroad for initially international markets, but now increasingly geared for domestic market as well, explained

Honda emphasised the American dollar's relative value to world economy as the world's number one economy trades with about 150 nations. In this context the leading Japanese banker stressed the need to have a stronger dollar and a stable yen to maintain stability in

"I don't believe in strong fluctuation of the world's major currencles. This is not good for America and Japan, the world's number one and two economies respectively. Currency fluctuation is a nominal phenomenon," said Honda.

According to Handa the American currency appreciated by 43 per

has been forecast at around 10 per cent this year. Meanwhile, In his introductory remarks, Abbas M. Radhi, Director of Economic Research Directorate, Bahrain Monetary Agency, reaffirmed Bahrain's importance and contribution as the region's banking

country's GDP every year. It employs about 5000 people. Bahrain boasts of 52 OBU units with net assets worth \$50 billion as well as about 20 commercial banks, said Radhi. Leading officials of BMA. Bank of Tokyo as well as bankers attended Kelkichi Honda's lecture,

W. German envoy at Kuna The West German Ambassador to Kuwait Claus Soenksen visited Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) headquarters recently where he met with the Board Chairman and Director General, Barjes Hmoud Al Barjes.

The two officials reviewed together the relationship between the two countries and events in the European Delegation at chamber

Co-ops and merchants asked to resolve problems amicably

THE Chairman of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdul Aziz Hamad Al Sager received at his office a delegation from Kuwait's Foodstuff Merchants and Manufacturers Union who explained the problems facing the union in relation to the co-operative sector and the adverse effects of such relations on the members of the union and consumers, a local daily reported.

The delegation which was headed by the chairman of the union, Abdullah Al Baujan called for the protection of commercial tracks by the Co-operative Societies Union and to alleviate control measures imposed by Kuwait Municipality on foodstuff merchants and manufacturers. He warned against the perils that might be caused

by the Kuwait Municipality decision to grant the municipality foodstuff inspector two per cent of the value of the fine paid by any violat said that the union called on the chairman of the chamber to rescind the decision as it is tantamount to conflict of interest.

However, he praised the co-operation evidenced by the Director-General of Kuwait Muncipality, Sheikh Sabab Jaber Al Ali to merchants, particularly towards the revision of regulations governing the foodstuff trade.

Meanwhile, Buaijan, disclosed that the joint committee consisting of representatives from his union and the Co-operative Societies Union which had been formed to study the profit margin bad achieved no results, although the committee had been formed a year and half ago.

Grievances He called on the Chamber of Commerce and industry to intervene and cancel the decision organising licences at Al Ardiya Area.

Meanwhile, Sager told the delegation that the Chamber of Commerce and Industry does realise the union's grievances and that the joint economic committee adopted by the state had included the

necessary recommendations urging the co-operative societies to be flexible in their dealings with the commercial sector.

On the other hand, the official referred to the report prepared by the Chamber on co-operative societies in Kuwait which had been submitted to HH the Crown Prince and Premier last October and said that it clarified that the sector had been established for social, national and economic considerations. These considerations constituted the right justifications for the support extended by the government to the support that plays a significant develop and enlarge the economic role in developing; the cooperative sector, the conic infancial and commercial

He added that the sector was growing, but without any serious attempts to integration and coordinate activities with other economic sectors in the country. This will eventually result in adverse sectors and affect fair competition in general.

He called on societies to settle due amounts to merchants and manufacturers on value date and called on co-operative societies not to impose unfair conditions on these merchants who call for prompt Meanwhile, Sager said the co-operative societies

should not be given import beences except in some cases where the relevant licence should be justified by the Minister of Commerce and Industry. He called on the co-operative societies to deal

with merchants and manufacturers on an equal In conclusion, Sager has called for a forming of a

specialised permanent committee to undertake cooperation and integration between the co-operative sector and the commercial one. He referred that the proposed committee should

group representatives from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Co-operative Societies Union and the Foodstuff Merchants and Manufacturers Union.

in a meeting held recently, decided to form its steering committee to prepare for a special celebration for commemorating 50 years of Pakistan Resolution..

be highlighted with a seminar on Pakistan movement foll-

tion amongst the upcoming generation of Pakistan, an essay competition was also decided to be organised. Approb has also requested

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From the courts

Illegal aliens jailed

THE criminal court has sentenced two men and a third in abstentia to three months in jail with hard labour and subsequent deportation and to collective customs fine of KD450. The court heard that the two present suspects were caught by a police patrol trying to drive out of the country in a car which had

stolen Kuwaiti number plates.

The suspects admitted to having entered the country by car illegally carrying on board 25 sheep beads to sell in Kuwait and to buy electronic equipment with the money and sneak back out of the country.

The suspects had no passports and admitted that the car belonged to the third man who sneaked out from Kuwait on the same day of their arrest, and that the second man offered money to the car driver to get him in and out of Kuwait to visit his family. The suspect had on an earlier occasion sneaked in and out of the country even though he didn't have a passport.

KUWAIT Criminal Court sentenced seven men to different imprisonment terms ranging from two and ten years with hard labour in addition to fining six of the convicts KD1,000 on the charge of smuggling and trafficking in liquor. The convicts were also charged with possessing three shotguns and ammunition. Security men were able to locate one of the convicts and struck

a deal with him to buy three bottles of whiskey. After the convict was arrested he guided security men to the rest of the convicts and the place where the contraband was hidden. Security men then obtained permission to search a shed located in Oqailiya area and found 23 cartons of whiskey along with three shotguns and ammunition. The convicts were arrested and taken to the police station after confessing to their crime.

Airline passengers increase

AIRLINE traffic at Kuwait International Airport registered an increase in 1989 compared to 1988, according to the annual statistical report of the airport and added that the report anticipated a boost in movement during 1990 to exceed 3 million

The increase in airline movement came about as a result of permitting additional airline companies to operate and the increase in journeys on some secIn 1989, passengers arriving registered 140,066, an increase of five per cent over 1988. Departures totalled 1,421,465 registering a four per cent increase over the same period.

Sixty per cent of passenger traffic is from and to Arab states with a total of 1,746,479. Second place went to passengers from Asian countries with a total of 675,813 or constituting 23 per cent. A total of 452,132 passengers travelled the Europe/USA sec-

Rumaithiya residents decry vandalism by delinquents

A LOCAL daily has interviewed a number of residents in Rumaithiya who have com-plained of the different inconveniences that their residential area suffered from, varying between fluctuating co-op prices, lack of landscape services. presence of construction debris Nabil Al Fayez said that the

level of cleanliness differed from one block to another, which was attributable to the attention paid by the residents of each and every block to this matter at their own block only.

He elaborated that some

would dump their garbage at convenient times before the refuse-collecting municipal truck came to gather the garbage, while others cared less about dumping refuse in time for regular collection.

Khaled Mohammad said that the existing prices at the local co-op were OK, but they tend to vary considerably and noticeably from one branch to another, adding that the Shamiya Co-op had the lowest-priced commodities, which was ascribed to the attention of the society's board of directors, which paid special attention to making consumer commodities available at the cheapest possible prices.

He pointed out that the area was clearly under-landscaped, bowever the remarkable attention by families to private frontbouse gardens was the only sign of natural beauty available.

He said that youths were a regular public nuisance for they stayed outdoors late, littered streets, smeared walls with scribbles and doodles, some stole cars and shoplifted, while others harassed girls; all because of the insufficient police patrols deployed in the area.

Library He also said that there was only one public library in the area that provided exclusive services to women, which was a commendable feature, bowever the area requires a similar, larger library for men where youths could read and spend thier time usefully.

Abdullah Al Rashed said that the area had an urgent need for a number of vital facilities and services, such as the overnight operation of the local clinic which closed at ten forcing families to seek medical attention at bospitals or clinics in different tocations, which mostly were located far away and consequently is inconvenient for residents.

He pointed out that garbage littered the streets, and the reason was the failure of cleaning staff to collect all garbage, which they picked up some and left some, which called for regular supervision of their services.

He also said that vandalism is currently in fashion in the area, where youths would deliberately break light bulbs, and these acts would quite often happen at midnight as few, if any, police patrols would show up in the area, and this was the result of youths spen-ding loo much time outdoor gathering and messing about

irresponsibly. Hasan Abdullah said that residents of block No. 19 suffered the absence of a big local co-op branch, although this block was densely-populated. The existing branch is small and can hardly meet the demands of

He said that the area also requires entertainment services and was short of trees and vegetation, where families could freely practise walking or even play sports.
Abdul Nahi Al Sahhaf said

that the most prominent inconvenience in the area was the fact that Rumaithiya had only two exits to the main road, one stood in the direction of Fahaheel and the other led downtown. He said that streets were under-lit, auto-thefts becoming increasingly frequent, medical

round and areas visibly lacking He urged the authorities at the Ministry of Public Health to do something about the common crowding at the local clinics and the early-closing of this vital

services hardly adequate to go

facility. He stressed the need for increasing the police patrols in the area to put an end to irresponsible youth and frequent acts of public vandalism, adding that entertainment facilities and youth centres were inadequate.

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cent since 1985 and has since normalised, while the Japanese year and the Deutsche mark, the Central European Monetary currency. have remained fairly stable with 'nothing striking happening.' On world economy Honda commented that both developed and developing nations have generated 3.5 per cent real growth since 1988. Global deficit has been reduced and currently stands at about \$100 billion. Total world inflation in 1989 stood at 20 per cent and

and financial centre. He said the island's development programme is based on on-going diversification programmes, particularly in the service sector.

Battrain's banking industry contributes 13.5 per cent of the which was arganised by BIBF. Director of BIBF, Albert Woodhouse

Illiteracy eradication seminar opened Dud cheques

KUWAIT, Feb 10, (KUNA): Education Undersecretary Abdul Rabmon Al Khudari today opened a four-day seminar on current status of elementary education and illiteracy eradication in the Arab Gulf

Khudari, in his capacity as deputy chairman of the National Committee for Eduction. Science and Culture which is organising the seminar in co-operation with Unesco's regional bureau for education in the Arab countries, regretted that the speedy advances in human civilisation in the past vears did not help eradicate illiteracy.

He pointed out that 100 million children

Kelly arrives. discusses **Soviet Jews** with Shaheen

KUWAIT, Feh 10, (Kuna): Foreign Undersecretary
Suleiman Mejed Al Shaheen
today met with visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East and Southeast Asia Affairs John Kelly.

An official source of the ministry told Kuna that the talks focussed on bilateral relations and international developments, narticularly those relating to the Palestinian cause.

The source added that Shaheen and Kelly gave special attention during their meeting to the emigration of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine, as Shaheen expressed Kuwait's concern over dangers of this exodus on the future of the Palestinian people and their inalienable rights expressed by HH the Amir in his address at the opening of the 20th anniversary celebrations of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) last Wednesday.

He indicated that the two sides also reviewed international and regional issues of mntual

The meeting was ettended by Kuwaiti Ambessador in Washington Sheikh Saud Nasser Al Sabah and Director of the Americas Department et the Ministry Suhail Shuhaiber.

Kelly arrived here Friday. In a brief statement upon arrival, Kelly told Kuns that the purpose of his visit to Kuwait is to discuss with Kuwaiti officials the region's and international

He repeated the US administration's opposition to the settlement of Soviet and Eastern bloc Jews in Israeli-occupied Arab lands.

with senior officials on the regions latest developments, the Mideast peace process and the political changes in Eastern

His visit to Kuwait falls within e tour that has taken him so far to Seudi Arebie, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qetar and Bahrain.

Muslim World League condemns Jewish emigration

MAKKAH, Feb 10, (AP): Arab leaders and Muslim religious groups expressed concern today over the growth of emigration of

Soviet Jews to Israel. The Saudi-backed Muslim World League cabled Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev urging him to stop the emigration. "This oction causes great harm to Soviet relations with the Islamic world," it said.

The text of the cahle was released hy the group's headquarters in Makkah, the site of the Muslim world's holiest

The Organisation of Islamic Conference, based in the neighbouring city of Jeddah, had condemned the

increased emigration flow. lts secretary-general Hamid Al Gabid said a campaign is being launched for international

pressure to stem the flow. At the same time Kuwaiti Amir Sheikh Jober Al Ahmed Al Sabah, who is the president of

sultations with Sultan Qaboos of Oman Official sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the Soviet-Jewish emigra-

OlC, arrived in Muscat for con-

tion to Israel would be one of the main topics of the talks. Qaboos is the current chairman of the six-nation Gulf Co-

operation Council which also includes Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. In a recent message, the Amir

of Kuwait criticised both the Soviet Union and the United States for allowing increased Jewish emigration to Israel.

There has been a furore in the Arab and Islamic world since Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said earlier this month that he expected bundreds of thousands of Soviet Jewish to settle in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Seven Gulf states represented

Protocol affeirs was the topic of a lecture held yesterday at the Police Officers Institute. Three officials from

Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs including the director of Protocol Department Ahmed Abdulwahed Al Ayout, advisar Farouk Al Nouri and Dr Abdulaziz Abdulghaffar spoke et the lecture which was attended by

25 officers involved in a public relations treining course with three officers from Yeman Arab Republic, two

from Oman end ona from Kuwait Army, one from the National Guard whila the remeining were from the

Pharmaceutical conference

Biomedical developments

Nakhailan, President of the con-

ference

pharmacological services depar-

tment at the health ministry Dr

Abdulla Assad has said that the

ministry will announce the list of

pharmacies in a few weeks. The unified prices of drugs will

protect the public from dif-

ference in prices of pharmacies

besides protecting importers and owners of the pharmacies. He added that the health ministry

suffers a 10 per cent shortage in

pharmacists and 30 per cent in assistants. This problem is being

solved by re-distribution of phar-

macists and their assistants over

health centres and hospitals

There are 385 pharmacists including 46 Kuwaitis working

in the ministry beside 14 others

under training. There are also

380 assistants including g0

Kuwaitis, Assad said. He added

that the ministry will not be able

to meet the shortage in pharma-

cists and their assistants before

the establishment of the faculty

of pharmacology. The existence

of the faculty will develop phar-

macological services in the state,

Assad pointed out that the ministry has completed recently

a study on a new charter for-

regulations of appointment of pharmacists and assistants as

The new charter is expected to

be epplied within the next few

weeks. He criticised the bad

situation of pharmacists in the

government sector. The officials

of the ministry are requested to

improve their financial and

moral situation besides offering

some facilities like allowing

Kuwaiti pharmacists to work in

private pharmacies.

well as their training systems.

according to size of work.

Kharas ... co-ordinator

He added that the ministry is

trying to develop performance of

pharmacists to make them basic

members of the medical team.

There are great differences among standards of pharmacists

in Kuwait because they come

from different faculties and

countries in the world. Assad

said that the ministry has begun a

new service called the bed-phar-

macological service at bospitals

and health centres. There are 35

pharmacists performing this service at different hospitals. 20

more pharmecists are being

trained in the same service, he

Assad pointed out that Minis-try of Public Health spent about

KD14 million on drugs and dif-

ferent medical materials. He

added that 20 per cent of these

drugs and materials are wasted

every year without being used

because it is offered to patients

He added that patients, doc-

tors, nurses, pharmacists and

workers et hospitals and health centres bear the responsibility of this waste. But he added that this

percentage of wasted drugs is

similar to percentages in the

Pharmacists at hospitals and

health centres should improve

the storage system to reduce damage. Patients should also use and take medicine in the best way

and according to the determined instructions, Assad said.

He pointed ont that the minis-

try has issued about 16,718,400

medical prescriptions and

930,116 litres of phar-

macological preparations in all health areas during 1989.

advanced countries although.

added.

free of charge.

to be explored: Kharas

world-wide could not obtain any form of eduction and elaborated that the world in the past two decades witnessed a noticeable retreet in efforts to eradicate

He ettributed such a decline to the world's economic recession and the growing debts problem.

For his part, head of the regional office Dr. Abdul Wahed Yousef said that the Arah countries, including those in the Gulf, have scored great progress in elementary and basic education in addi-

tion to illiteracy obliteration.

The 18 participants, representing the

Protocol lecture

By Lima Al Khalafawi

Arah Times steff

KUWAITS Third Phar-

maceutical Conference will be

held Monday at the Kuwait

International Hotel, according

to the president of Kuwait Phar-

maceutical Association (KPA);

During a press conference, Nukhailan said that 85 research

papers from Egypt, Syria, Bagh-dad, Jordan and Kuwait will be

presented during the three-day

or Abdullah Al Kharas the co-ordinator of the conference

said that the main objective of the

conference is to explore new

developments in pharmaceutical

and biomedical fields, and

exchange ideas and other infor-

He added that during the ses-

sed such as analytic phar-

meccutical chemistry, phar-

maccutical services, clinical

pharmacology, and pber-

maceutical technology and

medical plants. Also another

paper will submit a proposal to

establish a feculty of phar-

Another co-ordinator of the conference, Dr Ahmed Bager spoke about the development of

pharmeceutical services in Kuwait including clinical phar-

macology, pharmaceutical infor-mation centres such as e poison

centre. He called for another law-

Dr Abdulla Deiab a co-ordin-

ator et the conference said that

the budget of the Kuwait Com-

pany for Pharmaceutical Indus-

tries increased from KD16

Kuwait University pharmacists

for their role in setting up the faculty of pharmecology in Kuwait in 1993.

Dr Kharas commented on the

importance of having a govern-

ment body to inspect inter-

national pharmaceutical com-

He regretted the non-

implementation of the 1985 law

Dr Seleh Al Ahhad the treasurer of KPA criticised the

commercial oriented ettitude of

some private pharmacies in handling drugs. "They only care purely for commercial matters,"

Meanwhile the director of

panies that export to Kuwait.

for pricing drugs in Kuwait.

He also praised the efforts of

to organise this profession.

million to KD22 million.

macology in Kuwait.

Dr Mohamed Nukhailan.

conference.

seven Arab Gulf states, beld their first working session to elect a chairman, deputies and a rapporteur.

Dr. Yousef tabled his office's proposed

programme to modernise elementary education and eradicate illiteracy in the Arab countries by the year 2000.

Meanwhile the director of constructions department at the Education Ministry Mohammed Saud Al Zaved said that the ministry will carry out a number of construction projects during the coming five year plan 90/1995.

These projects will be: Kuwait Museum for National History and Science, Minis-

try's Diwan (premises) in South of Surra area, premises for the five educational areas, scouts camp project, dentistry clinics at schools and then swimming pools as well as building of a club for marine scouts.

Zayed pointed out that the ministry will air condition 267 intermediate ans secondary schools and three institutes during the fiscal year 90/91. He added that about 23,000 air conditioning units will be installed in these schools.

The Ministry of Electricity and Water have completed the airconditioning of all schools as from the begining of the next academic year, the official said.

17,800 visit in January: statistics

expatriate visitors during last month, exceeding by over 3,000 the number issued in December last year. A release issued by the Interior Ministry said that the four immigration departments issued in January about 17,800 visit visas, over 3,000 more than the previous month and almost 6 times more than the number issued in November, 1989. There was a slight increase in husiness visas but a noticeable increase was registered in family visit

December slightly over 6,000 business visas were issued while in January, 7,258 business visas. Family visit visas shot up hy about 2,000 in January over that of December last year. Over 10,177 family visit visas were issued in January against slightly over 8,000 in December. In addition, there were 301 government visit visas and 49 others for

medical treatment. The release said that the new residences granted during January were almost double of those cancelled, 12,942 new residences were granted while 6,559 residences were cancelled during January. In addition, over 30,000 residences were renewed and 785 temporary residences granted. The release added that 5,360 residences were transferred from present sponsors to new ones during the same month and 1,128 new files for new sponsors were opened by the four governorates.

Special dept. for juveniles to be set up

THE director of Juveniles Police Department Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed Al Saad was quoted as saying that the establishment of a special police department for juveniles is aimed at rehabilita-

Meanwhile, the official said that the juveniles were committing an average of seven crimes daily in the country. He said that the relevant statistics of 1987 disclosed that there were 2,194 cases committed by 2,925 juveniles. In 1988 there were 2,263 cases with 2,979 juveniles accused and in 1989 there were about 2,520 cases committed by 3,568 juven-

visas issued

MORE visit visas were issued for

Concerning work permits issued in the same month, the release said that 8,363 work permits were issued, almost the same the number issued in the previous month of December last year. But, the bulk of the work permits still went to maids with 6,816 permits. However, there was good increase in the number of work permits issued for private sector employees. 945 work permits were issued for private sector labourers during January against ebout 600 issued the previous month. In addition, 529 dependent permits were issued for family joining.

In an interview with Al Dakhliya magazine the official said that the word "prison" for juveniles has been cancelled and was substituted by "Juveniles Care Houses". He said this action was taken in the wake of enacting the juveniles law.

still unbridled

Opulent lifestyle cited as cause

DURING the past few years, the trusting nature of Kuwaitis so much in evidence over the centuries was shattered as thousands of individuals fell prey to dud cheques contribuing to many of them loosing their entire future. Strangely, the number of those who still become victims is increasing weekly and this phen-omenon has led to the deterioration of the economical structure for hundreds of establishments. While till the recent past, com-

mercial enterprises and financial transactions engaged in mainly by males, presently females have invaded the arena of business and some have been sentenced 10 jail terms in accordance with strict implementation of the law for issuing dud cheques.

Those sentenced to prison

terms, both males and females, succumbed to greed for quick profits without taking into consideration market conditions and the availability of financial opportunities.

The basic trust of the Kuwaiti community having been hroken, it has had a direct reflection on the basis of commercial dealings and has resulted in a downturn of business. Credit nowadays is e thing of the past, according to Most individuals interviewed

jointly said that dud cheques are mostly caused by inexperienced individuals who have entered the commercial market. They added that such individuals are products of a consumer society in which they have been taught and raised on the facade of American films. These films depict "the rat race" where every individual is clamouring to achieve a "quick buck," with the least effort, and irrespective of the consequences

to his fellowmen.

The equation here is, who is responsible for this problem? Evidently, we cannot say that the law did not feee up to the problem of dud cheques, because harsh punishments have been meted out to violators. Abdul Aziz Taher, a lawyer

stated that one of the dangerous

offshoots of the dud ebeques phenomenon has been the encouragement of establishing of individual loen companies which make loans available at high interest rates. This compounds the issue as the borrower is put still further in the red. Another "aide-effect" is it offers a tempting proposition to take loans at inflated interest rates and utilise the funds in a "lastditch" effort to recoup losses. However, history has recorded that the majority of these "unfounded enterprises" floun-der and the individual is worse off than before.

Others have accused banks of leaving husinessmen with no alternatives, hut to chance issuing cheques in the hopes that funds will ultimately be availahle, by not providing commercial facilities, or bank guarantees. Further, they said that banks are primarily at fault for issuing cheque books without undertakingadequate screening measures as to the credit-worthiness and enterpreneurship of the proposed account holder.

Some others said that living in a society which worships richness bed prompted meny individuals to live over their financial capabilities.

A financial expert said that the reduction of oil revenues in recent years had to some extent contributed to the events leading

to the issuance of dud cheques. However, he said that the overall balance of payments has been negative only in 1983, when substantial private sector capital outflows execeded a \$5.2bn current account surplus hy almnst \$1 billion.

Despite the positive naunnal figures, dud cheques issuance has continued unabated, because the crash of the unofficial Souk Al Manakh stock market in 1982 had left behind a mountain of dehts that is just now being

The problem raises from the nature of bank credit in Kuwait, which has been predominantly based on "name" lending. Before 1982, when oil revenues and high government spending boosted the economy, banks could rely on repayment of loans with little checking of borrowers' financial status that is normal banking practice.

An economist said that he agrees with government authorities when they said that the spiralling growth in government spending must be hrought under control and termed it "as a hrave political decision at the time when many are calling for the government to spend its way out of the recession.

He hoped that the population

will eschew the concepts and determination of the government in balancing their hudgets and in time, he said, he hoped that the "scars" of the had cheques will completely disappear, giving way for renewed confidence in the basic honesty and trust of the Kuweiti individual and contribute inevitably to a return of the traditional way of doing husiness

Coal stove kills one, another comatose

A SRI LANKAN woman identified as Saribu S. died when she was affected by toxic carbon monoxide gas while another Sri Garden N. was hospitalised and is still in coma, the Public Relations Department of the Interior Ministry reported.

It added that the incident was

caused by a charcoal stove in a closed room where the two victims were living.

New US envoy

IT was learnt that a new US ambassador will be posted in Kuwait soon, replecing the present amhassedor, Wilson Howell who was appointed to Kuweit in September 1987. Informed sources, quoted by a local daily said that the new ambassador was selected from senior State Depertment officials in Washington and has already won the opproval of the Kuwaiti government.

Crackdown on litter bugs

Training course

The director general of Kuwait's Union of Consumer Co-operative Societies Abdullatif Al Kharazah inaugurated yesterday a special training programme on storage and handling which is co-sponsored

hy lhe Union and tha Kuwait Bureau for Administrative Consultations.

ettended by senior officials from the union and tha hureau.

The inauguration ceramony took place at Meridian Hotel and was

Kheraz in his opening speech confirmed that training was part and

parcel of the education process. He added that the training course had

been designed to give new information to trainees. Ha edded that this

programme fells within the comprehensive plan set up by the union for

ASSISTANT General Controller of Cleanliness at the Capital Governorate in Kuwait Municipality, Jasem Moham-med Al Raudi stressed thet officials et the municipality exert every effort in preserving the cleanliness of Kuwait arees through following up violators and censoring internel end branch streets in addition to the coastal front.

Interviewed by a local daily, he added that one of the main difficulties encountered is represented by dealing with some of the non-Kuwaiti groups. He pointed ont that some non-Kuwaiti individuals who have committed clear cleanliness violations will refuse to show their identifications upon request which forced inspectors to take them to the police station.

individuals refuse to show their identification cards when caught violating cleanliness rules due to that fact that most of the inspectors wear populer elothes represented by the "dishdasba." He pointed out that such individuals tend to follow orders more if they encounter a uniformed officer instead.

He added that some

With respect to other problems faced by the department, he indicated that on more than one occasion data taken from violetors identification cards were not correct particularly concerning their residence addresses.

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Bahrain's commerce minister opens Mefex show

Arah Times staff

THE sixth Middle East Food and Equipment Show (Mefex) was officially opened yesterday by Bahrain's Minister of Commerce and

The prestigious four-day extravaganza, in its 10th year and con-Management (AEM) as well as leading traders in the island for being staged at e propitions period of growing economic activity and business growth in all spheres in the Gulf, particularly in the wake of the end of

The event is widely considered to boost trade in both foodstuff and

Traders from more than 30 countries are participating in Mefex 90.

The largest number of participants from e single country is America with more than 40 companies comprising of over 70 representatives to

is being represented by 13 firms, making it the largest Middle Eastern national group in the show. There are ten Egyptian groups dealing mainly in confectionery, sugar and oil. The rest of the Middle Eastern group comprises over 20 firms from Saudi Arabia, Turkey, UAE, Oman and Kuwait.

promote their products.

According to Stephen Key, chief executive of AEM, this year the regional groups have moved significantly away from just agents promoting products to manufacturers seeking agents for their goods. He cited the UAE group as an example comprising predominantly of

In the Salon Culinaire section chefs from leading hotels in the Gulf will demonstrate their culinary talent and expertise by competing in a variety of artistic culinary creations. At stake will he e total of 19 sections in this culinary showpiece. Organised in association with the Confrerie de la Chaine Rotisseurs pour le Meyer Orient, the salon is said to be a leading event for culinary skills, creativity and artistic merit in the Middle East. About 200 professional chefs have been reported to have filed their entries in the competition.

By Yakub Razzaque

Agriculture, Habib Qassim, at the Exhibition Centre in Central Market.

sidered one of the longest lasting and most successful trade exhibition in the region, has been hailed by the organisers, Arabian Exhibition

food equipment. The exhibition is being given added attraction and interest with the staging of the Salon Culinaire section.

Nearly 50 Arab countries are taking part in this year's show, making it the largest number of regional firms to enter the exhibition since the inception of the event a decade back. In all about 300 firms are participating in this biennial event.

the exhibition. Other netional groups attending include traders from

Britain, Australia, Canada, Germany, Denmark, France, Holland, Egypt, Hungary, New Zealand, India, Austria and Singapore. Bahrain

Most companies are featuring in Mefex 90 to acquire agencies or to

manufacturers of packaging material for foodstuff

AEM has meanwhile announced that all excess food remaining after the showends will be donated to the Mother and Child Welfare Society.

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EVERY noble work is at first impossible — Thomas Carlyle, Scottish writer-historian (1795-1881).

Party monopoly broken

Gorbachev's shrewd move

WARSAW, (Agencies): The Soviet Communist Party was persuaded to relinquish its monopoly on power only after President Mikhail Gorbachev saw the writing on the wall—the Berlin Wall.

With autocratic regimes falling like dominoes in Eastern Europe and their communist parties in disarray, Gorbachev had a dilemma.

The choice was difficult, hut clear-cut; get the party to move over on the power shelf and make room for other political groups — as in Poland and Hungary — or face oblivion.

Whereas in Poland and Hungary the communists are still a solid part of the power network, the East German Communist Party and communist-dominated government is fighting for its life after the sudden fall from power of Frich Honecker and the unstage of the Pertin Wall fall from power of Erich Honecker and the rupture of the Berlin Wall. The subsequent toppling of the communist leaders in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania — and growing popular demand that all communists get out of those governments — firmly drove home

the point in a matter of weeks. "The lesson which befell communist parties in Eastern Europe is instructive," the Polish government newspaper Rzeczpospolita said in

a commentary on Thursday titled, "The crisis of perestroika."
"Wherever they were incapable of adjusting to changes, they were swept away sooner or later," it said.

"Only in places where organised opposition forces formed in time such as the Polish Solidarity — was there a possibility of a smooth landing, a transformation of the Communist Party, and formation of a

Gorbachev's response was to perform one of the major policy somersaults of the 20th century.

The superpower leader, who only weeks ago spoke firmly in favour of upholding the party's "leading role," became a chief advocate of

striking that right from the Soviet constitution. "Once again he turned out to be a pragmatist capable of adjusting to reality," Rzeczpospolita wrote. "And this reality is that, for many months now, the party's monopoly has in fact been broken in many

As in Poland and Hungary where the communist parties disbanded to be replaced by left-wing parties more akin to those in Western Europe, the Lithuanian Communist Party has adopted as its own the aspirations of a nation for a multi-party political system in a more

The only other option for Moscow was the China one — an attempt to stave off political change militarily. But the Soviet Union had been attempting that in its satellites for decades, with steadily worsening

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa often claims it was the enduring Polish opposition to communist rule, manifested in the rise of Solidarity, that finally forced Moscow to adopt glasnost and perestroika.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze conceded as much in

his arguments for reform before the party elite.

He said the Soviet Union was pushed to adopt its reform policies by

the periodic unrest in the East bloc, beginning with the East German uprising in 1953, through Hungary in '56, Czechoslovakia in '68 and then 1970, 1976 and 1980 in Poland. Now that Soviet party may have moved once a

am from the rea guard to the avant garde of reform in the East bloc, the question becomes whether it nevertheless has signed its own death warrant.

"The question is whether the CPSU and the Soviet Union will succeed where its East European neighbours have failed," said the Hungarian newspaper Nepszava.

"Will they be able to prove that a Communist Party can not only launch restructuring, but is also able to stay on at the head of a democratization process radically changed and cleared of the

One veteran Polish journalist was highly sceptical. "This change paves the way for the final collapse of the only colonial empire left on the globe," he said.

Sweeping aside criticism from conservative colleagues unhappy at the speed of change, Gorbachev succeeded on Wednesday in pushing through a new platform which paves the way for the eventual creation of a multi-party democracy.

Sceking to harness demands for a radical Eastern European stylechange now sweeping his own country, the Kremlin leader has persuaded Soviet communists that they must be prepared eventually to share power with other political forces.

And, in typical style, Gorbachev did so in a way that will further reinforce his own grip on power, with the platform also beefing up the presidency to give him more clout - on paper at least - than any of his

TODAY IN HISTORY

1531- King Henry VIII is recognised as supreme head of the Church of England.

1543 — England's King Henry VIII signs treaty of alliance with Holy Roman Emperor Charles V against France.

1744 — Naval battle of Toulon begins between Britain and combined Franco-Spanisb fleet.

1798 - French forces take Rome. 1888 — King Lobengda of Matabele, Rhodesia, accepts Brit-

1889 — Constitution is granted in Japan, with two chamber Diet, hut emperor retains extensive power.

1922 — Nine-power treaty is signed in Washington for secur-

ing China's independence and maintaining "open door" United States and Japan sign naval agreement. 1929 — Lateran Treaty establishes an independent Vatican

City.

1944 — US carrier planes strike heavy hlows against Japanese positions on Eniwetok in Marshall Islands in Pacific during World War II. 1956 - Referendum in Malta favours integration with

Britain. 1958 - Tunisia informs France that French warships no longer can use Bizerta. 1963 — Unites States recognises new government in Iraq after

revolt, fighting still going on in provinces three days after

1967 - Military rule is imposed in Peking during civil strife in

1968 - Communist troops execute 300 civilians in South Vietnam and bury them io mass grave during fighting for the

1971 — Treaty banning nuclear weapons from ocean floor is signed by 63 nations in ceremonies at Washington, London and

Moscow. 1986 - Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky walks to freedom in Berlin after almost nine years in Soviet captivity on

espionage charges, and goes to Israel. 1988 - Fresb violence erupts in Bangladesh, bringing death

toll from two days of election rioting to 80.

1989 — Afghanistan President Najib accuses Pakistan of massing troops along border to invade and then annex Afghan-

Social and economic woes predicted

Troop cut could impose burdens

LONDON, (Reuter): In their minds, Western politicians are already spending defence savings caused by troop cuts in Europe, but economists say the "peace dividend" of East bloc reform could impose heavy social and economic costs.

Such experts say the prospect of huge defence cuts promised by the revolution in the Eastern bloc will in the short term prove elusive and redrawing the military map of Europe could, on the contrary, impose uncharted burdens on people and econ-

White House proposals for deeper US and Soviet forces cuts in Europe and a growing perception in the West that the Warsaw Pact poses a dwindling military threat, have raised hopes for massive sav-ings on defence budgets in coming years.

Belgium and the Netherlands have already

indicated they are anxious to cash in the peace dividend and cut their troop levels in West Ger-

In Washington, as the annual ritual of negotiating the budget begins, congressman are looking to fund

domestic programmes through defence cuts. But economists caution that at a time when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is taking the biggest gamble of his career in breaking the Communist

Party's monopoly on power, the political and military picture of Eastern Europe is far from stable. "Instability in Eastern Europe argues against doing away with armies altogether and the need for a rapid response force in the West - that would be very expensive," said Jim Rollo, economist at the

Royal Institute of International Affairs.
"Until the strategic options are clarified, we don't

really know what the peace dividend is."

In the short-term, economists say troop cuts could spark expensive reorganisation of Nato forces and produce knock-on effects throughout West European economies where thousands of jobs depend on the military structure of the past 40 years.

Hopes for a peace dividend stem from the crushing burden of defence spending caused by Western commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as guarantor of their security.

In what has been dubbed the first post-cold war budget, the Pentagon has requested \$306.9 billion for defence in the 1991 fiscal year starting in October. It represents a cautious cut of just two per cent in real terms and a buge \$180 billion of the total will go to maintaining European defence where 325,000 army, navy and air force personnel are

"There's going to be a peace dividend, hut it's not going to be as large as some naively think at the moment," White House hudget director Richard Darman said 10 days ago.

To keep the 57,500-strong British Army in West Germany plus air force personnel costs about £4.3 billion (\$7.3 billion) in the current fiscal year, defence officials say.
Figures compiled by Nato show defence spending

made up an average 6.3 per cent of US gross domes-tic product over the past five years, while the burden

"EVENTS in Europe are moving so fast that we

policy-makers can't keep up with them," one of the

leading American foreign policy-makers told me

this week. "On top of it, it is often hard to determine

what various European policy-makers really want."

The indecision here is primarily due to what has

become the toughest and most controversial ques-

tion: the reunification of Germany. It is reinforced

by the indecision in Bonn where the policy-makers

cannot make up their mind whether they want

Germany to remain the key member in Nato and in

the European Economic Community, or whether a

looser relationship to the two organisations would

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany

would prefer to delay German unification, but finds

it difficult to do so because his German patriotism

demands that he appears to be a firm supporter of it and because he is afraid that the East German

electorate will be supporting the Social Democratic Party and give it what could amount to permanent

majority.

The American and Soviet governments, too, would prefer a delay in Germany sunification. They

hoped that this issue could be dealt with in slow

stages. That certainly was also the hope among all

Western European governments. In fact, the Soviet

government would have preferred to be able to

Unlification

But now, that German unification has grown into

the central issue at such speed and with such momentum, nobody dares anymore to oppose it.

The big question now is not anymore "whether" but

"how". And in this respect opinions vary sharply. Chancellor Kohl has reassured the West that he wants Germany to remain in Nato and in the EEC.

But how does he want to overcome or reconcile the

The simplest solution would be to include a unified Germany in Nato. Neither the US nor the

European allies would seriously object to this solu-

tion. But the Soviets object to it and so do most East

Germans. From Moscow's viewpoint it would move

the Western front too far east. The East German Prime Minister, Hans Modrow, proposed instead the neutralisation of the whole of a unified Ger-

many. That has been rejected by Kohl and would

not be acceptable to the United States. Further-

more, what makes this proposal unrealistic is the

fact that it is relatively easy to neutralise a small

country, such as Switzerland or Sweden, but not a

Dietrich Genscher suggested that a reunited Ger-

many should remain a member of Nato but that the

territory of East Germany be kept outside the struc-

ture of Nato. He also proposed that East Germany remain militarily part of the Warsaw Pact and that

Soviet troops would have the right to remain

stationed on East German territory. It would mean

that Germany became unified politically and econ-

Gorbachev, who opposed unification publicly, gave the impression after his meeting with Modrow

that he had softened his opposition. It came as a

great surprise, but after his meeting with Gregor

Gysi, the East German communist leader, he tried to

correct that impression. He said that he viewed the

issue with "understanding," but warned that "forcing passions and simplified approaches to the

omically, but not in military-strategic terms.

The West German Foreign Minister Hans-

major power as would be a unified Germany.

ignore the issue altogether.

addition of East Germany?

he added with a certain sense of despair.

be preferable.



US Marine Corps on amphibious landing craft in Europe. (Reuter wirephoto)

on Britain was 4.6 per cent, on the Netherlands 3.0 per cent and on Belgium 2.9 per cent.

Analysis say the true peace dividend looks likely

to be pushed well into the future and will be closely linked to the progress on arms talks between Nato

President George Bush's new proposal to leave 195,000 US troops in West Germany, plus plans to close or cut back 10 bases in Europe, appears to be part of a complex balancing act.

Analysts say Busb wants to head off calls in Congress for bigger defence cuts as budget negotiations get under way. But he also wants to allay concern among West European leaders that US troops will pull out too soon or be cut unilaterally. Even a relatively modest demilitarisation of West

Germany could have a heavy initial social and

— US forces in West Germany spen about 14 billion marks (\$8.4 billion) a year in the economy. According to US figures, some 65,000 West German

Unification gathers momentum

problem could be pernicious." His Foreign Minister Shevardnadze, also indicated that Soviet opposition

to reunification was still alive when he suggested

that an international referendum be held assuming, most probably, that the vote would go against reunification. The idea of such a referendum has

One thing is certain: Nato without Germany does

not make any sense and would lead to the disintegra-

tion of the alliance which is the key to United States

participation in the defence of Europe, or, to put it

more broadly, to an American presence in Europe.

The Western allies certainly want to make sure that

the US remains committed to Europe, that this link

not be seriously weakened for at least another ten

years, for once cut off, it would be very had to restore

There is no doubt that the Bush administration's

policy is to stay in Europe as long as possible to

ensure a balance of power and Western security. To

everybody's surprise Gorbachev has said that the

Soviet Union would welcome a continued American

presence in Europe. In contrast to the past that represented a basic change of Soviet policy. More recently Gorbachev has been less forthcoming, most

likely because the Warsaw Pact is disintegrating and

the presence of Soviet forces on the territory of

members of the Warsaw Pact, soch as Cze-

choslovakia, Hungary and Poland, has become

The European Economic Community has its own

problems with a reunited Germany. The question

that is at issue is whether a united Germany should simply be incorporated in the EEC or whether East

Germany should become a separate member.

Jacques Delors, the president of the European Com-

mission, out of the blue, proposed that either solu-tion would be acceptable to him because, in his view,

the problem of Germany is a very special problem and therefore requires special treatment. East Ger-

many, actually, already enjoys a special treatment

because its exports enjoy the same privileges as West

Germany's. But becoming, formally, a member of the EEC is another matter, and the British, French

and Belgians bave already objected to such "special" treatment. It is one more illustration of the

profound schisms the German question triggers in the minds of most Europeans.

The main reason is that a unified Germany, whether in Nato or in the European Economic

Community, will dominate both and hence domin-

ate Europe. It is true that the Soviet Union, thanks

to its powerful military forces remains a superpower militarily, but in many important aspects it is an underdeveloped Third World type country. Cze-

choslovakia. Hungary and East Germany, which used to be considered as belonging to Central

Europe, are bound to move closer to the West -

there simply is not the kind of cohesion among the

East Europeans that exists among West Europeans and that is bound to weaken the Soviet Union even

further. It is not surprising, therefore, that under

these circumstances Gorbachev is calling for a

"common European bome" that would put an end to today's divided Europe and allow the Soviet

Union to play a different political role in the new

If one leading American policy-maker finds it

hard to keep up with the fast moving events involv-

ing Germany, another, commenting on Gorba-

chev's decision to abolish the monopoly of the

Europe.

since been turned down hy Kohl.

it in future.

nationals are employed directly by the military and another 125,000 jobs are dependent on US forces. In 1988, the army was the 13th largest non-governmental employer. A cut of about 50,000 US troops now contemplated by Bush could have a knock-on effect throughout the economy.

—"Bringing the boys back bome" could be a double-edged sword on the labour market. If armies shrink in size or conscription is cut, some nations such as Belgium which already has 10 per cent unemployment, may not be able to find new jobs.

— Releasing Nata treeses on home and smill be a strength of the strength of th

Relocating Nato troops on home soil could be expensive if new barracks had to be built. "There will be heavy transitional costs. The classic example was teh Vietnam war ... adjustment can take years,

said David Mars, economist at Warburg Securities.

— A question mark hangs over defence firms and research and development spending. The West Ger-man Economics Ministry has commissioned a study of the impact on arms industry, examining whether firms can shift from military to civilian production.

Communist Party, said to me: "It blows my mind."

President Bush, I am told, while welcoming what

amounts to a kind of counter-revolution in the Soviet Union, is also worried how such daring and courage will affect Gorbachev's future. He first

encouraged this counter-revolution in Eastern Europe and now must deal with its reverberations in

the Soviet Union. Whether he assumed from the

beginning that the changes in Eastern Europe will

force him to reform the Soviet party system is

unclear, but it is hard to believe that he did not

anticipate it. At any rate, he has aroused the anger

and concern of the conservatives in the party and it

remains to be seen whether they will seriously challenge him. And so while in the West experts are

wondering how long Gorbachev will be able to keep

himself on top, he is storming ahead with his reforms as if he sat safely in his saddle.

Strengthen

the Soviet Union less dangerous and more democratic, it is not surprising that Bush is thinking hard how to strengthen Gorbachev in his trials and tribulations. He will be trying to reach a political

compromise with the Soviet leader over Afghanis-

tan where the Soviet Union is not strong enough to

win its military intervention and the American sup-ported guerrillas are too weak to defeat the Afghan Army. It would help Gorbachev politically and

materially at this crucial moment. He is refraining

from encouraging the independence movements in

the three Baltic countries to bring their efforts to a climax at this difficult moment and he is going to try

to accelerate the arms control talks so that some

basic agreements could be signed at the June summit

meeting. Who would have expected an American

president wanting to strengthen a Soviet leader?

Czechoslovakia's temporary president, Vaclav
Havel, is due in America in mid-February. What
please the Americans about the Czechs is that they

are not coming to ask for money, but, above all, for

advice of how best to create a true, functioning

democracy. Their biggest problem seems to be the Slovak demands for independence and the need to

draft a new constitution that would satisfy them

enough to stay within Czechoslovakia. What trou-

bles them about Havel is that be favours the com-

plete withdrawal of all Soviet and American troops from Europe. He is so anxious to send the Soviets

back into the Soviet Union that he forgets that Western Europe is not safe yet — especially in view of the turmoil in the Soviet Union and that it would

be a major mistake to send American troops home

Eastern peace process do not look promising. Israeli

officials, visiting here, have explained that the inter-

nal split within the Likud Party makes it difficult for

Prime Minister Shamir to be more forthcoming.

And the Palestinians living on the occupied West

Bank, who would be willing to form a delegation,

independent of the Palestinian Liberation Organ-

isation, are fearful that the PLO would make life

difficult for them. The attack by Palestinian com-

mandos on the Egyptian bus carrying Israeli tourists

which cost eleven lives, has once again put, whatever behind the scene exchanges between Israel and the

Palestinians existed, on bold. There is a growing

feeling here that the American involvement burts

American interests in the Middle East and there is

now an active debate in the administration whether

to withdraw from the peace process, at least for the

Behind the scenes attempts to revive the Middle

across the ocean.

Since virtually all of Gorbachev's reforms make

Letters to the editor

Nice organisation

SIR: The Kerala vs Goa football match held in connection with the Republic Day celebrations of India at Fahaheel Club was an epoch-making event in the history of sports among members of the Indian community here.

The enthusiastic sports lovers overcrowded the Fahaheel stadium in thousands and the organisers well arranged the match from the beginning till the end. As published earlier, the game started exactly at 10.10 and finished before 12.30. All arrangements for this football. match were made by the committee with professionals. Neither the guests nor the spectators did find any difficulty in locating their scats in the gallery. VIPs were greeted with garlands by young girls dressed in traditional Indian way and the volunteers were smoothly guiding them to the seats allocated to them. Even though 43 prizes were to be distributed by various guests, the time used for this purpose was very short.

Moreover it is the first time in a community sports we found that our ambassador has exchanged gifts with an honourable Kuwaiti friend Shaddas Al Mayyas, secretary of Nadi Fahaheel, as a token of our long lasting Indo-Kuwait friendship. Definitely such events will promote cultural relationship between the two countries

The unique feature of this football tourney is that most of the leading Indians in our community joined together to make this venture a great success. By making fool-proof arrangements, the general convenor Hassan Thikkody added one more feather to his cap. In addition to that it is a landmark in our sports activities here. Well done Hassan.!

Rajan Nadavallil,

Peace mission

SIR: I take this opportunity to thank the press of Kuwait for your kind co-operation and help in making my peace mission a success in Kuwait

in making my peace mission a success in Kuwaki by excellent coverage.

I am very much grateful to the chairman of a Olympic Committee, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmadi Al Jaber Al Sabah for his good blessings for my endeavour in the efforts of peace.

I am also thankful to the Indian ambassador, his colleagues and my country people in Kuwait who gave all the encouragement and support.

My short stay in Kuwait and the pleasant experiences I had with the local people will, remain green in my memory forever.

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mory toreve... Jayaram Ganesh. India.

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Falashas: low key arrival

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): While Israel greets an influx of Soviet immigrants with public acclaim, the arrival of Ethiopian Jews since the renewal of ties with the Marxist government in Addis Ababa has been shrouded.

The Jewish Agency, a quasi-government body that helps new immigrants, said there had been little change in the numbers coming from Ethiopia since relations were restored three months ago. The agency would not discuss efforts to increase the flow. "The average number was about 100 every

month, which is not what we would like butthis is the situation," agency spokesman Gad Ben-Ari told Reuters on Thursday. Receptions

Nightly receptions for Soviet Jews landing at Tel Aviv airport, now running at 5,000 month, attract broad coverage by foreign and domestic

While the actual arrivals of Ethiopians are not publicised, news about recent immigrants has surfaced in connection with other events.

Last month officials in the northern town of Maalot protested at plans to use the entire local immigrants absorption centre for new Eth-

A tree planting ceremony arranged on Tues-day involved 2,000 new arrivals. Uri Gordon, head of the Jewisb Agency immigration department, said there were 1,500 Soviet Jews and 500 Ethiopians, though had been in Israel more than a year. Israel restored relations with Ethiopia in

November amid widespread suspicion it had struck a deal to reunite the estimated 15,000 Jews still in Ethiopia with the 17,000 Ethiopian

Jews already in the Jewish state.

Speculation was heightened by repeated foreign reports that Israel was providing military aid to the Marxist government, which is fighting for its existence against secessionist

Quote me

19 of those 20 years we kept hearing, 'the Russians are coming. The Russians are coming. The Russians are coming. I kept saying the Russians aren't coming. I now realize I made a mistake. The Russians have come, but they did not come in a spirit of war. They are here in a spirit of openness, communication, understanding." — US representative Ron Dellums, Democrat of California, attacking US spending on such prized US Air Force programmes as the B-2 bomber and MX missiles at a US House of Represen-

to take hard work." - Fay Vincent, first-year commissioner of US Msjor League Baseball, saying it would be

newspaper Kayhan in an editorial.

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"The history of baseball labour relations is not a pleasant or bappy one and that cannot be reversed by a new commissioner in the fourth month of his tenure. It is going miraculous if owners and players agree on a contract in time for spring training camp to begin on schedule Feb 15.

Death follows Rushdie as his own shadow. The day may sooo come when death will finally catch up with him at some secret underground den on a Londoo street as a miserable and humiliated person or perhaps the apostle's corrupt blood will be shed by an enterprising Muslim, either of which end would be effequal consequences."—Tehran

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Tight security

Saddam confers with envoy: President

Saddam Hussein conferred with a Turkish envoy on Saturday on the cutting off of the Euphrates waters last month, the official Iraqi news agency

reported.
Visiting Turkish Minister of state Isin Celebi also

delivered a message from Premier Turgut Ozalcontaining a response to a request by Saddam last
modified an esponse to a request by Saddam last
The agency did not reveal the contents of the
message. Turkey cut off most of the flow of the river

on Jan 13 to fill the grant Attaturk dam. The cutoff

Syria and Iraq are traversed by the 1,460-mile (2,300 kilometre) Euphrates, which originated in

the mountains of eastern Turkey before it flows into

Pyramid to reopen to public: Egypt said on Friday the famous great pyramid at Giza West of Cairo, would reopen to visitors in March after closing last year for renovations.

Zehi Hawas, in charge of the Giza pyramids at Egypt's department of antiquities, said visitors would be able to enter the great pyramid through the only entrance of its northern face as of March

Hawas said the pyramid would be open for six

The pyramid was closed to the public after archaeologists said the breath of thousands of

visitors was contributing to high bumidity levels

ends tomorrow.

the Gulf. (AP)

Fundamentalist vows war on West Bus attack was

PARIS, Feh 10, (Reuter): A Tunisianborn fundamentalist accused of masterminding a bombing hlitz on Paris promised a "great war" against Christian-ity and the West yesterday.

Fuuad Ali Saleh, 33, made the threat at the end of his two-week trial for drugs trafficking, conspiracy to carry out terrorist acts and illegal possessinn of explosives in connection with 1985-86 bombings.

'Today begins the terrible trial of justice which will be the prejude in the great war furecast hy God in the Huly Quran and awaited by the oppressed of the earth," he

Saleh's wife and eight others are also nn trial. The court will ammunce a verdict and sentence nn March 9.

A second trial will be held later for charges relating to attacks un Paris department stores and restaurants in which 13 people were killed and 250 injured.

Saleh was ejected from the courtroom nn the first day of the trial fir shouting insults against France and the West but he

The son of the formar Shah of Iran, Prince Reza Pahlavi, speaks at Westminster Central Hall while surmunded by tight security. Raza Pahlavi, was quoted on

anniversary of the Islamic revolution that toppled his lather. (Reuter wirephoto)

ethirday as saying he had passed information to Washington and London of an Iranian plan to attack US targets in Western Europe.

Interviewed by the Times newspaper, the former crown prince said he had no doubt Iranian agents were planning an attack next week to coincide with the 11th

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Quarantine after wolf attack: A north-

ern Turkish village was put under quarantine against a possible rabies outbreak on Saturday

after a wolf attacked 11 people and dozens of cattle, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said.

The wolf, driven down from mountains near

Ortalik villagoin the Black Sea province of Sinop by hunger and cold, was killed by villagers three days

Dangerous political style: The Arab

League has expressed deep concern over the statement made by East German Premier Hans

Modrow, who admitted that his country shoulders part of the responsibility of the oppression made by

Arah League spokesman on Friday described

Police hold 11 militants: Egyptian police

have arrested 11 suspects in an arson attack by Muslim militants on a video shop in the central

town of Assiut, security sources said on Saturday.

Director removed: The director and chief

engineer of a coal mine in northern Turkey where 68

miners were trapped in an explosion have lost their

posts, a cabinet member said on Saturday.

State Minister Ismet Ozarsian told reporters in
the northern township of Merzifon that Hassan
Saritepe and Cemil Tiryakioglu were also under

the Nazi regime against the Jews

ago; it said. (Reuter)

style," (Kuna)

sat calmly through the remainder of the

But during his plea, Saleh, whn defended himself, rose in the hullet-proof dock crnwded with police guards and launched intn a long tirade against Western civilisa-

Prosecutor Jacques Fourvel cailed for a 20-year sentence, the maximum term for drugs smuggling. Police found 6.5 kg (14 pounds) of heroin and explosives believed to belong to his group hidden in a furest

Fourvel demanded the same sentence for Lebanese bomb expert Haidar Habib. one of eight Lebanese wanted under international arrest warrants whn are being tried in their abscoce.

French intelligence services believe the Beirut-hased prn-Iranian Hizhullah (Party of God) financed the group and supplied it with explosives in an attempt in force group and supplied it with explosives in an attempt in force France in end its support for Iraq during the Gulf war.

Rebels pine for military victory

10, (AP): Muslim rebels said today the only route to peace in Afghanistan after 11 years of civil war was on the battlefield — not

through the negotiating table. "A military victory is our only option," said Suleiman Shah, a spokesman for a joint rebel news agency called Midia. "Unless we make progress militarily we won't get any concessions from the Russians or convince our American supporters to stay with us."

Another rebel spokesman, Sardar Nassery, said the rebels, known as Mnjahedeen, would sever negotiate with Afghan

President Najib. "We are ready in talk to the Soviet Union, but, only on the condition that they offer us an agenda before the meetings," he

Moscow has reportedly been sending military and humanitarian shipments worth about \$300 million a month to its communist allies in Kabul.

Last February, the Kremlin withdrew the last of its combat troops from Afghanistan after nine years of military interven-

Some Western analysts predicted a quick rebel victory following the Soviet troop withdrawal.

But a year later, the government forces remain in control of Afghanistan's cities and the rebels, who are largely financed by the United States, control large chanks of the countryside.

"Why should the Russians want to negotiate?" Shah asked.
"They think their communists are in a better position than when they left and there have been no. steady military gains by the muja-

"There won't be any political victory without military succes-ses," Shah said.

The winter mouths are militarily slow because waist-deep snow clogs the rugged mountains paths that link Alghanistan to Pakistan, where the mujahedeen

Shah said the United States has promised the rebels a large ufusion of weapons sometime in the spring in preparation for the start of the summer fighting

Jailed for prisoner death

RABAT Feb 10, (Reuter): The Rabat daily L'Opinion reported today that two municipal officials and an accomplice have been jailed for 15, 10 and five years respectively for beating a prisoner to death is the south Moroccan city of Marrakesh.

Mohamed Idriss Kaitouoi, editor of L'Opinion, was sentenced to two years in jail in November and later pardoned by King Hassan for publishing a report of the incident.

He was convicted of publishing false reports liable to cause a breach of the peace in a statement from human rights groups denouncing the suspicions deaths of four people in custody last year, including the one in Marrakesh.

Abderrahim Ben Khalifa, 23, was arrested for refusing to work for Mbarek Laroussi, a "mooquidem" nr musicipal official. L'Opinion said the Marrakesh criminal court was told Khalifa was tied up, beaten and tortured in the presence of his mother.

plotted in Israel

Islamic radicals not involved: Egypt

CAIRO. Feh 10. (Agencies): Last weekend's ambush of a tour bus that killed nine Israeli vacationers was plotted inside Israel or Arah territories it occupies, a leading state-nwned newspaper reported today.

Al Ahram said investigations revealed that hand grenades used in the attack were US-made. "This type of grenade is not available in any Middle East country except Israel." Al Ahram said.

The newspaper quited an unnamed inflicial in the Interior Ministry, which is responsible for internal

The official told Al Ahram last Sunday's assault, in which two gunmen believed to be Palestinians raked the hus with automatic fire and hand grenades, was patterned after a March 1988 attack on a bus near Beersheba, Israel,

The security official told Al Ahram that the gunmen followed the bus in a white Pengeol from the moment it left Rafah, a divided city stradding the border between Egypt and Israel.

Annther state-owned newspaper, Al Gomhouria, quoted Interior Min-ister Abdel-Halim Moussa as saying in an interview that the gunmen were non-Egyptians.

He stopped short of describing them as Palestinians but said: Don't ask me about their identities, because we know who stands to benefit from

the attack."

Published reports have pointed steadily to a Palestinian connection.

The hus driver is a Rafah-born Palestinian with Egyptian citizenship and the man who rented the attack car reportedly is a Palestinian. Moussa said both the bus driver and his brother have been detained for ques-

He emphasised that Egyptian Muslim militants, involved in anti-government activity and clashes with police in recent years, had nothing to do with the episode.

Moussa said although the gunmen

followed the bus through the Sinai peninsula, they waited to attack until it was past the Suez Canal in mainland Egypt. Had they attacked in Sinai, he said,

the presence of Egyptian security checkpoints between them and the canal would have forced them to return to Israeli-controlled territory.

The amhush occurred 40 miles (64km) northeast of Cairo at a point

without nearby police protecting.

Moussa admitted shortcomings
on the part of his men. He said Egyptian security should have taken precautions for the bus since it carried prominent Israeli personalities including lawyers, university professors and others.

But he said investigators had strong clues in the culprits and are halfway toward unraveling the mys-tery. Among the clues, he said, was a videotape shot by an Israeli inurist on the hus.

He did not name the videotaper. but Israeli newspapers identified him as Pinchas First, among 20 Israelis wounded in the attack. An Egyptian inur guide also was wnunded.

Mnussa said the videotape, repor-tedly three minutes long, recorded the voices and faces of the attackers. I used my camera right from the start of the attack, and I'm sure that I managed to film the assailants." First said in an interview with the

Israeli newspaper Yediot Ahronot. He said the gummen wore scarves as masks at first, but their scarves fell off after they boarded the bus. He said he turned the tape over to Egyp-

Contrary to reports in the Cairo newspaper Al Akhbar, Moussa made clear that neither gunman was arrested,
"If the two culprits did not manage to leave Egypt in the two hours that

followed the attack. I am confident that we will arrest them," Moussa

Police sources said that about 100 penpte, mostly Palestinians, have been been detained for questinning

The sources said police also com-bed Rafah, which has a large Palestinian population including about 5,000 refugees stranded when Israel captured the Gaza Strip. Security men searched the town house-to-

house for suspects.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is helping Egypt invesugate the attack, a seninr PLO official was qunted as saying.

"The PLO and the Palestinian embassy in Cairo are co-operating with Egyptian security bodies aver the assault, "Saeed Kamal, the PLO

representative in Cairo, told Egypt's Middle East News Agency (Mena). Israeli troops sealed off major inwis in the occupied West Bank oday and clamped curfews nn parts of Gaza as Arab residents celebrated the eighth anniversary of the outlawed Palestine Communist Party.

Troops in the Gaza Strip's Jabalya Palestinian refugee camp and Bani Suhcila village shot and wounded two 17-year-old Arah protesters. hospitals reported, Communist supporters in Gaza

City marched with the banned Palesrinian flag until security forces dis-persed them with tear-gas.

Lebanese flee to safety

'War is far from over yet'

LARNACA, Feb 10, (AP): Nearly 500 refugees fleeing the fighting in Lehannn between rival Christian forces arrived in Larnaca today aboard a ferry, the first in reach Lebanon in a week, and one said: "It was hell."

The blue and white sunny boat stcamed into Larnaca on the south coast of Cyprus after a nine-hour, 100-mile (160 km) nvernight vnyage from Jounieh,

10 miles (17 kms) north of Beirut. istian sector Friday after a shaky ceasefire was declared between rebel Gen. Michel Anun's troops and the Lebanese Furces militia

Despite the truce, both sides clashed today and one of two British government officials aboard the ferry nated: "It's far from nver yet."

Many of the refugees came from Christian districts of East

Beirut like Ashrafiyeh, which have been the scene of fierce battles since the fighting erupted Jan Many had huddled in

basements and bomh shelters for days and used the ceasefire to make a run fur it to Juunich. "It's been terrible with all the

fighting that raged around us," said Hala Habash, a middle-aged Christian woman accompanied hy wn teenaged children.
"It was hell," lamented Na waz

Ephraim, 19, whn was accompanying his mather and two ynunger sisters.

"It was very dangernus during the fighting. Gunmen moved from house to house during the street fighting. They look nn natice of the people living in the houses," he said.

"Snmetimes they used the presence of non-combatants in out of battared East Beirut through the Museum crossing, the only link between the two sectors of Bairut, as warring Christian armies bolstered new frontlina positions north of the capital. (Rauter wirephoto) the houses as cover," Ephraim nnted.

Streams of cars, packed with lamilies and hundreds of Christian relugees head

with a girl of about three years nld in her lap sat crying softly as she waited at the Cyprint immigration desk for her passport in be stamped.

She refused to speak. But a friend said she had heen separated from her husband and 10-day-old baby during the figh-

"We don't knnw if they're

alive nr dead." the friend told

reparters. A distraught middle-aged wnman with a heavily bandaged A hlack-haired ynung mnther foot limped off the ferry and her husband, who declined to be

identified, said she had been wnunded in the fighting. "It was very bad in Ashrafiyeh," said Alfred Heykal, a Christian husinessman accompanied hy his wife and twn frightened little girls elutching

dolls tightly.

French arrives in Beirut on hostage freedom mission

BEIRUT, Feb 10, (Agencies): Lucien Bitterlin, head nf a pro-Arah French lobbying group who helped negotiate the release of twn kidnapped French children in 1988, arrived in Beirut today amid speculation he was on a new mediation mission. Bitterlin drove to West Beirut from Damascus, to

meet Desence Minister Albert Mansour, Information Minister Edmond Rizk and Army commander Gen. Emile Lahoud at the beachside Summerland Bitterlin refused to talk to reporters about why he

was in Beirut.

But his arrival raised speculation that he was seeking to secure the release of French and Belgian captives held by a radical Palestinian group led by

Bitterlin negotiated the Dec 29, 1988, release of Marie-Laure Valente, then aged seven, and her sister, Virginie, then aged six, from 13 months of the captivity with Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revulutinnary

The children's muther, Jacqueline Valente and a baby daughter born in captivity, and five Belgians remain with the abductors.

Peggy Say, Sister of American hostage Terry Anderson, leaves today for meetings with the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafal and others in hopes of spurring her

brother's release after nearly five years' captivity in

Zaire President emerges as new mediator in Sudan civil war

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 10, (Reuter): An Afghan citizen found guilty of weaving heroin into 16 carpets imported from Kabul was sentenced to 15 years in jail yesterday by a US judge.

of smuggling about 35 pounds (15 kg) of heroin in a total shipment of 200 Afghan carpets routed through Sao Francisco international airport

Mobd Akbar, 41, was secused

KHARTOUM, Feb 10, (Reuter): Zaire is

emerging as chief mediator in Sudan's civil war amid signs that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is reluctant to continue peace efforts, diplomats said today.

They said any peace talks between Khartoum's military junta and the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Army (SPLA) were likely to be held in Zaire under the auspices of President Muburu Sese Seko.

Mubarak, current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, has in recent months become increasingly frustrated at the slow pace of negotiations. and the junta, which seized power last June, have collapsed. The twn sides recently resumed fighting in southern Sudan.

Several junta members have recently said the third round of peace talks would be held in Cairo under Mubarak's auspices. But state Radio Omdurman said today that Mubarak had asked Mnbutu to

Karl-i-Bond was due to visit Khartoum soon to deliver a message from Mobutu to

junta leader General Omar Hassan Al

The radio said SPLA leader Colunel Juhn Garang met Mohutu in Zaire nn Jan Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources said

a Zairean official was recently in Cairo to deliver a letter from Mobutu to Mubarak. Diplomats say pro-Western Egypt is

concerned about growing signs that some junta members subscribe to Islamic ideology and wants to distance itself from

Sudan which has not accused by the junta nf supporting the SPLA.

The SPLA this week accused Zaire of

siding with the Khartoum government by allowing it in fly 1,000 suldiers back to combat areas after they fled to Zaire to escape the war. But it said it would still accept an offer of mediation from

The SPLA has been fighting government troops in the mainly Christian and animist south since 1983 to end what it calls domination by the Arabised, Muslim

and potentially erosive concentration of salts in the air inside the pyramid's "grand passage." (UPI) Iran's envoy denounces terrorism

NICOSIA, Feh 10, (AP): The Iranian ambassadne to Paris, Ali Ahani, dennunced terrnrism in an interview with radin Monte Carln today and denied any Iranian invulvement in terrorist attacks in France.

Ahani's denial fullowed a US

warning nn Thursday that a terrorist attack against Americans nr US facilities in Europe was possible this weekend hy pro-lranian militants. The Iranian government

issued a statement yesterday rejecting the US charge as "base-The US warning was linked to the 11th anniversary of the

collapsed Feb 11, 1979, 10 days after the late Ayatullah Khnmeini returned to Tehran after 14 years in exile. In his interview with radio

Islamic Revulution tomorrow.

The Shah's last government

Monte Carln, an Arabic-language station beamed to the Middle East, Ahani said Islam rejected any actions against innocent people. He also rejected French press

allegations that Iran was linked to a series of 1986 bomb attacks in paris by a pro-Iranian Tun-isian fundamentalist, Fuad Ali Saleh, currently on trial in the French capital.

The French authorities allege

Saleh, and nther pro-Iranian

Arabs rounded up after the bom-

bings, acted under orders from Tehran. Abani also criticised the French government for failing to hononr what Iran claims was a promise to release Anis Nacca-1 che, a Lebanese.

the accident on Friday, it added. (Reuter) investigation by the local prosecutor. (AP) Tripartite ME meeting this month

MANAMA, Feb 10, (AP): A visiting US State Department official said yesterday that a meeting of American, Egyptian and Israeli foreign ministers was expected to get off the ground this month to discuss

the Middle East peacemaking John Kelly, the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, told the Gulf News Agency before leaving Bahrain on the next leg of a familiarisation tour of Gulf Arab states that the meeting would probably take place in

But he also said that another venue outside the United States was not to

The tripartile meeting was proposed by US Secretary of State James Baker to pave the way for a direct. Palestinian-Israeli peace Preparations for the meeting have taken months as the Palestine Liberation Organisation insists on

naming the members of the Palestin-A circulated suggestion was that the recent attack on the Israeli tourist bus in Egypt, in which nine were killed and 20 injured, had derailed a tentative plan for the three ministers to meet this weekend in Geneva. while Baker was in Europe for talks with his Soviet counterpart Eduard

Shevardnadze. But Kelly told GNA that no date had originally been fixed as the three countries were still carrying out some preparations. He did not elaborate. Following the bus attack, Israel's hardline Likud Party led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had put off

a meeting scheduled for Wednesday to line up a stance on the proposed dialogue with the Palestinians. Israeli troops sealed off major lowns in the occupied West Bank today and clamped curriews on parts of Gaza as Palestinians celebrated the eighth anniversary of the outlawed Palestine Communist Party.

European Economic Community Commissioner Abel Matures today supported EEC pressure on Israel for a Middle East settlement, but ruled out similar action against Turkey for a solution of the problem of wardivided Cyprus.



West cautions

GENEVA. Feb 10, (Agencies): Fifteen Western nations yesterday urged Israel to hold back from settling Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israeli occupied territories, arguing that such a

move would be illegal, and says a server

A draft resolution submitted to the UN Human Rights commission said that a set-

tlement programme would violate the Geneva

conventions on international bumanitarian law, which set out the responsibilities of an occupying power and prohibit the transfer of

Angry parliamentarian: A lawmaker

angry over official corruption in Egypt brandished a big knife during a session of the People's Assem-bly on Saturday, then said he was quitting and

Stormed out.

The Middle East News Agency said nobody was hurt in the incident, which it said was unprecedented. The agency identified the deputy as Ahmed

Children killed by old mine: Two boys aged eight and to were killed when a Second World War landmine exploded near the South Tunisian town of Kebili, Tunis Radio said on Saturday.

Two other children were injured, one critically, in

A hooded Palestinian spray paints a hammer and sickle communist symbol during a rally marking the anniversary of the Palestinian Communist Party. Arabic graffiti reads 'lung live the 10th or February,' the day the Palestinian Communist Party was reestablished. (Feuter wirephnio)

Drug rugs

Two rounds of talks between the SPLA

mediate in the Sudanese conflict. It said Zaire's Foreign Minister Nguza

Zaire is the only country bordering

the country.

Kuwait since 1966. Their paints are available through their

headquarters ... Shawaikh and

select paint retailers throughout



The Singapore Experience

SAS Kuwalt Hotel will ha hosting a lavish tribute to Singapore at the Tent on February 20 and 21. The Singapore Experience will feature an elaborate cabaret with Lion dancers and Malay artists as well as an exotic dinner buffat prepared especially by famous Singaporean chefs in Kuwait lor the testival. Cosponsored by the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board and Singapore Airlines, this oriental extravaganza will perform in Kuwait before touring other Gulf countries and the Middle East.

'The Singapore Experiance' is tha first show of its kind in Kuwait and aims at forging closer relations between Kuwait and Singapore. Also sponsoring the event in Kuwait are R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. with Winston Cigarettes and Pepsi.

Tickels for the 'Singapore Festival' are available on sale at the SAS Kuwait Hotel's front office.



Farewell to Said Akbar Afredi

Salman Shah hosted a farewell party for tha First Secretary of Pakistan's Emhassy in Kuwait, Said Akbar Afredi, who left for Mozambique recently. The picture shows the host (fifth from right, back row) and Afredi (third from right, front row) with other guests.

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

MORNING

- 9.30 Opening and Holy
- 9.40 Sabah Al Kher, news
- 9.50 Cartoon serial 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
- 10.30 Shua'a Min Al Madhi: Arabic serial (part 2) 11.25 That's Incredible:
- gramme 12.15 News summary 12.30 Holy Quran and

foreign variety pro-

EVENING

- 4.00 Opening and Holy
- Quran 4.15 The World Today via
- Satellite (repetition) Saham Al Fadha: cartoon serial
- 5.15 Cartoon serial 5.45 Night chemists, air-
- lines and official
- advertisements 6.00 Waqala Hakeem: historical serial (part 3)
- 7.00 Varieties 7.15 You and your health: local programme pre-pared by Dr Salem Mohammed and pre-
- sented by Dr Rashed Al Owaish 7.45 Diwaniyat Shuara Al Nabat: local poetry
- 8.30 Good evening and local news
- News in Arabic Ahlam Sagheera; local serial (part 3)
- 10.45 Al Thaman Ghalli: Arabic feature, star-ring Tahiya Karyouka, Younis Shalabi, Dalal Abdul Aziz and Ahmad

Al Ambelo

Hall Booked

Al Haura

Drive-in

Al Firdou

Jeene Ke Arzoo

Namak Halal

Arabic film

Batman

- 12.00 News summary 12.05 The World Today via Satellite 12.30 Holy Quran and
- closedown

KTV2

- 6.00 Opening announce-ment and Holy Quran 6.10 The New Three Stonges. A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 The Beachenmbers "Poster Boy". Constable John has enough to worry about, with a rash of breakins upsetting the community. He is also struck with corporal Dan Fellows looking over his shoul-
- 7.00 The Celts. "The Birth of a Nation". Christianity reaches England... The Ceits prevail in the country... Analysis of the Celtie British person-
- 8.00 News in English
 8.30 Wildside. "Until the
 Fat Lady Sings".
 9.30 Coach. "Hot Hoot
 Mike". Madame Rola
 - a ballet dancer expresses her desire to introduce the ballet spirit into football
- 10.00 Q.E.D. The Bats, the Blossoms and the Biologist. A woman biologist studies the strange relation bet-ween bats and a kind of blossems. Their existence is based on mutual cooperation ...
- 10.30 Bestsellers 12.00 News in brief 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

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presented to the engineers and discussion on various aspects of WHILE paint has always had the important usage of making surcoating were opened. faces clean and attractive, people Hempel Paints has been man-

MPW officials visit Hempel Paints

are becoming increasingly conufacturing superior paints in cerned about the protective

qualities of paint and its ability to lengthen the life of valuable assets. To this end, Hempel Paiots -Kuwait has sought to assure the public that their paints are both

attractive and protective. Engineers from the maintenance management of the Ministry of Public Works recently artended a tour of Kuwait's first paint factory - Hempel Paints

in Shuwaikh.
The MPW officials were taken around the factory where Hempel management and staff demonstrated io detail the process of quality paint manufacture. The engineers followed the production of paint from the raw material stage, the mixing stage onto the filling into cans and Hempel Paint's finished goods stores. They were given first hand information on the manufacture of building, industrial, marine and yacht paints.

The officials were then taken to Hempels' laboratory where intensive tests are carried out on the consistency, colour and resilience of the paint, among many other factors. Hempel Paints is backed by the technological know-how of the worldwide research and development laboratories of the Hempel

• All entries for the What's On Column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hend delivered delly, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwalkh. eldered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be

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Finally, an audio-visual show,

signifying the importance of paints io construction, was

Photographs will elso be con-

The Leonard world

AT the origin of this huge universe, a man: Jacques Leonard, Philippe and Leonard's father. Jacques Leonard has always believed in luck hut also in hard work. 17.12 As he says to his staff, "a gift for business is not enough, you also need :2" perseverence and even passion for work." His whole career and success has have gone to prove this maxim.

In 1943, with little capital, Jacques Leonard founded a company god trading in special fabrics for the Haute-Couture - J. Leonard et Cle--which success grew up very quickly inside the World of Fashion. History fabrics enjoyed the privilege of being chosen by the greatest French and

Chanel — Christian Dior — Baleociaga — Givenchy — Patou — All Yves Saint Laurent — Jacques Heim — Nina Ricci — Ungaro — All Molyneux - Rochas - Worth - Carven.

But Leonard confesses that "the rocket that put him into orhit" was-Tergal, which nobody believe in at the time and which he launched in 1953, as well as the genius idea born in his mind of printing the jerseys — 1994 idea recognised by the public in 1962 through a very successful; in presentation of a complete collection of "fully-fashioned" pulls-over, :: after having overcome many technical difficulties.

Later on, Leonard widened the scope of his firm hy founding. Leonard Fashion, a ready-to-wear line whose-exotic and-colourful. prints soon became a label of elegance. Nowadays, Leonard Fashioo realists a turnover of 400 million Fashes of which 85% is export. The logical step was that Leonard makes from these sumptuous:

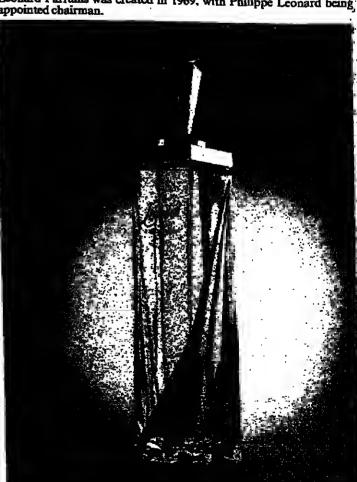
fabrics and from those still more more sumptuous ready-to-wear collections a complete world of accessories including not only perfumes, whose success is already well-known, but also luggages and leather-goods, porcelain items, vases, ties, scarves, watches, whole; world created around the brand name Leonard.

This whole "Leonard world" is housed and emphasised in the Boutique Leonard, Fanbourg Saint Honore, Paris, run hy Nicole. Leonard, Leonard's daughter.

In this boutique, the first one of a long list (Cannes, Geneve, Lausanne, Zurich, Dusseldorf, Anvers, Hong-Kong, Singapore more than 60 shors in Japan and representations. than 60 shops in Japan and representative spaces in Bergdorf Goodmann - New York - and in Neimann-Marcus - Dallas), Nicole Leonard has endeavoured to express a typically Leonard image of Luxury, which is due to become the example for all present and future Leonard boutiques both in France and abroad. This houtique is to be Leonard's prestige beacon and to become the meeting place for the international clientele, for whom Leonard is the embodiment of quality and intelligent diversification in all the fields of fashion creation. perfumery and decoration.

An overall feeling of harmony, emphasised by the golden hues, the elegant and refined light, revealed this place as a boutique of dreams, whose fame extends well beyond our frontiers. From fabrics to fashion, the connecting thread is short and straight."

It's an equally short hop from fashion to perfumes. So it was that Leonard Parfums was created in 1969, with Philippe Leonard being appointed chairman



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AL DESTRUCTION

ARTS

new craft course will start February 27th and March 4th for 6 weeks for children from 8 years old. Tel: 5618847.

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author of the architectural

THE seminar at the DAA, on Arabic and European Art it The Light of Zodiacal Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feh 11 - March 11, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration maybe made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259.

SOCIAL

Valentine's Party VALENTINE'S Party: Come join the fun. Feb 15 dinner buf-

fet-Top Ranks hand, door prizes, Cupid's arrow awaiting! For more information call Nina on 5339623 or Kathy on 2523992 (between 6 and 8 pm).

ACT's production of Thorton Wilder's comedy "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be presented on February 27, 28 and March I at 8.00 pm at the Universat American School, Salwa, Tickets can be reserved by calling

Konkani drama

Association is pleased to announce Menino De Bandar's "Sounsarant Astana Diat" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funaitees) on 16th February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Felcy, Iose-phine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosario Dias, C. D'Silva. John de Parra and Menipo de Bandar. Tickets now available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near G.P.O.). Rush for tickets, one

> Camival Flests '90 YMCA/Incredible S.C. are proud to announce their Carnival Fiesta '90 at Messilah

> > 22, '90, Non-stop dancing from 8.30 pm onwards to the beat of latest sensation "Hurricane Alley"

Beach Hotel (Habiba) on Feb

and "Neighbouz."
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British Council THE ITALIAN JOB: Satur-

day, 10 and Sunday, 11 February 6:30 pm, 130 min. The title is Italian but the case is most definitely British. Michael Caine and Noel Coward star in this fast, entertaining comedy caper. With wild chases galore, the joh cul-minates with the robbers in their mini cars using the piazza, arcades and roof tops to make their getaway causing the world's biggest traffic jam. STUDYING, COMPUT-ING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE IN BRITAIN

Whether you want a short course, a 2-year diploma, a BSc, or a PhD - we have the information you need. Come and visit the Education Office on Monday, 12 February or Tuesday, 13 February and access our computerised database! Our staff will be there to assist you and help find a course to suit you.

One Act Play Rehearsals Kuwait Players are holding auditions for a selection of one

act plays to be staged in April. If you're interested in directing, acting or assisting backstage, do come along to the auditions at 7.30pm oo Monday Feb 12th or Tuesday Feb 13th. Please phone 5615357 for details of venue.

Beverly Hills Body Snatchers

announces the II Annual One Play Competition to be held in May 1990. The competition is open to Plays in any Indian language including English. Awards shall include Best Play (1st, 2nd & 3rd). Best Director, Best Actor & Actress, Best Child Actor, Best Stage Setting and Best Acting Performance from each team. Registration form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funaitees. Last date of submitting registration

are requested to join.

Daniella celebrates "Fas-telabn" for Danes at Gazelle Club on Friday, Feb 16, at 1 pm. For reservations please call Marianne — Tel: 3710215 ext 29 or Winnie — Tel: 5733382 before Feb 13.

both nights. Tickets, can be

Singapore festival SAS Kuwait Hotel will painter plus elaborate buffet of popular Singaporean recipes prepared hy Singaporean chefs. First of its kind in Tourist Promotion Board and Singapore Airlines and aims to foster closer relations between the two countries. Tickets available at SAS hotel. For reservations, please call 5657000 ext 401 or 403.

in patchwork and quilting techniques. For details contact Tel. Hobby centre

Carnival Dinner Nite

Carnival dinner nite by the Entertainers will be held at the SAS Hotel (The Tent) with music provided by Top Ranks & Perfect Strangers, on 22nd Feb, 1990 from 20.30 hours onwards. Highlights of the evening: Parade by K-Momo, Crowning of Carnival Queen, Ramba Samba dance competition. Group prizes, and many other surprises. For further details please contact: The Organisers, Chopsticks Chinese takeaway. Tel: 5617243. **British Council**

Children's film: Wednesday, 14 Feb. at 6.00 pm; Thursday 15 Feb, at 10.30 am. Five Go To Demon's Rock: The Famous Five go treasure hunting after hearing about a legend of hid-den gold in the Wrecker's Cave near Demon's Rock. Join them in their exciting adventure in their search for an old gold coin. 44 min. Admission is free but please book seats by calling Tel.: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.

Kuwait Weish Society ST. DAVID's Day buffet dance Thursday 1st March 1990. At Messilah Beach Hotel. For ticket reservations & more information ring 3713467, 3912384, 5625316.

...Like e Hurricanell SEVENTH Sky's Rock Concert at Al Andalus Cinema on 15th & 16th Feb '90. Featur-ing Rock, Pop/Rock and Rock 'n' Roll from the 80's. For information and reservation call 5730265/2543219. **Craft Centre**

MOTHERS are your hands too full with your tots on weekends? Here's a chance for you to relax and introduce them to creative art. For details cootact 5635740, between 9 - 12 noon.

SPORTS

Steps Ballet

Steps Ballet School thanks the nrganisers of the Russian Ballet in Cinema Andalus on Feb 2nd and 3rd. We were all very happy to be able to see them perform. It meant a great deal to our students who have never before seen real ballet performed in Kuwait. We hope that it will inspire children who are learning ballet here in Kuwait. Steps Ballet School is open for registration for girls to learn ballet or jazz. Please contact the Kuwait English School afternoons only Sat to Wed 5655216/8 ext 55. Mnruings only 9-12 noon 5386481.

will organise its 7th annual one day 7-a-side football festival on February 25 at Sour Grounds to mark the Kuwait National Day. The draw will be held on Friday, February 23 at 10 am. For further details and entry forms please contact VSC members or Tel. 5331940 or 2410461 and 4765070.

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NBK/MBH invitation Tennis

Under the patronage of Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah Governor of Kuwait City. Invitation tennis tournament on Friday 16.2.90 organised by Messilah Beach Hotel in co-operation with National Bank of Kuwait. Doubles and mixed double. Many wonderful prizes to be won. Free refreshments and snacks throughout the day. For more details call MBH on 5624111 ext 739, 751.

Filipino darts ALL Filipino darts enthusiasts

are again invited for another meeting to be held on Thursday at 6.00 pm, 15 February 1990. at Mabuhay Restaurant to finalise the organisation of a darts tournament 301 and Killers shall be played both in singles. while a doubles (blind pairing) shall play a Killers game. Last meeting was attended by 21 participants from Alghanim Industries, Mabuhay Res-taurant, RIC and SAS Hotel. Mabuhay Restaurant is sponsoring the tournament. For more information contact William Bassig on 4843988 ext

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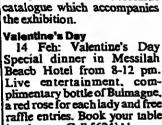
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Hobby Centre FELTCRAFT as a medium for children to make pictures, flowers, toys etc. with felt. This

5317354. Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah 14 Feh. Architecture of

Mamluk Jerusalem exhibition, opening 4.30 pm co-organized by the British Council Wed 14 February - Wed 21 February. This is a specially designed photographic exhibition which is accompanied by wall text and is on display for only a week. Dr Bourgoyne who will give a lec-ture in Arabic and in English is

14 Feh: Valentine's Day Special dinner in Messilah Beach Hotel from 8-12 pm. Live entertainment, complimentary bottle of Bulmague. a red rose for each lady and free





French film festival

Danton is today's film to be screened at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium at 7.30 pm. The film is directed by Andree Vayda and is starring Angela Winkler and Gerard Depardieu. Danton is a 136 minute lilm produced in 1982.

INDIAN Arts Circle

form with required details is 28th February, 1990. Please contact IAC office (Tel. 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities

Daniella Fastelabn

Kuwait Little Theatre, Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi, present the Kuwait Folk Group in concert on 14th and 15th February, at 8 pm

ordered by phoning 3919759. Videos of the recent very successful pantomine Sinbad the Sailor, can be picked up from the theatre on Sunday 4th February from 7 pm to 9 pm.

feature Singapore festival on 20th and 21st February at The Tent. The oriental extra-vaganza will present hion dan-cers, Chinese dancers, finger Kuwait, the show was put up in co-ordination with Singapore

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Messina delegation in Kuwait

MESSINA and Adriano Salonio visited Kuwait to reaffirm Messina's commitment to serve Kuwaiti merchant's import and export Quirements. Messina never ceased its direct call to Kuwait throughout the Gulf war being, thus remaining, the only Italian Flag RORO/Container carrier calling directly from Italian

Flying the Italian flag, Ignazio Messina Shipping Co. presently owns and operates 15 modern RORO container catriers according to Capt Giuseppe Giamboi — owner's representative for Gulfand India/Pakistan based in

Capt Giamboi further elaborated that Messina is sently operating specialised services to East and West Africa, Mediterranean, Red Sea Gulf region, India and Pakistan.

Hehas further announced that Messina reinstated services to Aden in line with market demand, thus serving North and

Ignazio Messina Shipping Co. was established in 1921 by the late Ignazio Messina and is presently managed by the Messina brothers (Gianfrance, Giorgio and Paolo). Capt Ciamboi said that in 1935 Messina services were extended to cover the Red Sea, Saudi Arabia and East

In 1946, the company further expanded its operation to cover West Africa, and in 1955, Tunisia and Algeria service was added.

Japt Giamboi revealed that a big turning point for Messina came in 1977 with the inauguration of the La Spezia terminal as the base for its vessels operations enabling the company to provide its customers with the highest quality and dedicated service

He further added that the company is continuously adapting itself to its customers needs by launehing specialised services such as its services to the ports of Hodeidah, Fort Sudan and

Capt Giamboi added that the development of services was completed by linking the companies terminals and offices with a computer network in order to ensure the most efficient and cost effective delivery of cargo.
Ignazio Messina Kuwait is

represented by Yusuf Ahmed Alghanim & Sons W.L.L.

Oil market stability praised

DOHA, Feb 10, (Opecna): The managing director of the Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC), Jaber Al Merri has praised efforts by Opec's 13 member countries in striv-ing to restore stability to the oil He told a news conference here

that Opec's endeavours since the oil price collapse of 1986 had succeeded to a great extent" in restoring oil

market equilibrium.

The official predicted that oil price would improve in 1990 compared with the last few years as oil demand and consumption, particularly from Eastern Europe, Prices would also be boosted as a

result of falling production from oil-fields outside Opec member coun-tries as in the United States, Canada the United Kingdom. He pointed out that in 1989 the United States imported more oil than

it produced for the very first time.

Concerning domestic operations,

Al Merri disclosed that the second half of the 1980s had witnesed increased exploration activity in the pary 10 boost proven oil reserves. He noted that the first phase of the giant North Field gas project, due to be commissioned in December this

year, would produce 800 millon cu. ft. of gas daily, comprising 750 million cu. It of lean gas for domestic use and the remainder in the form of Work on the first stage was

progressing oo schedule, he said, with 70 per cent of the initial work covered, including the virtual com-pletion of the drilling of 16 wells.

Alshall stock price indices Market turns mixed

on Wednesday, Feb 7, 1990 an average of 38.95 points with an increase of 0.04 point -0.10 per cent -over last week's average of Wednesday, Jan 31, 1990. The Alshall index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.04 points with an increase of 0.06 points—0.09 per cent—for the same period, according to Al Shall weekly market review.

المكان الأهل

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 6.18 million shares at a daily average of 1.24 million shares with an increase of 9 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 1.13 million

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 3.103 million shares at a daily average of 0.621 million shares with a decrease of 49 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.224 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD1.94 million at a daily average of KD0.39 million, a decrease of 19 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.48 million. The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD 0.096 million at a daily average of KD 0.019 million, a decrease of 69 per cent from last week's daily average of

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 47 per cent of total trading against 51 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 33 per cent, followed by The Gulf Bank at 22 per cent and Burgan Bank at 16 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 38 per cent in which Coast Investment and Development Company had the lead at 98 per cent, followed by National Investment Company at 2 per cent. The services sector came third at 12 per cent in which, Kuwait Commercial Markets the lead at 78 per cent followed by Kuwait Cinema Company at 9 per cent and Public Warehousing Company at 8 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Arabian General Investments Company (Shuaa) had the lead at 70 per cent followed by Umm-Alquain Cement Company at 21 per cent and Bahrain International Bank at 9 per cent.

The market continued to give signs of weakness which was reflected on three out of the six indices in both Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti markets but the trend was more inclined to the weak side. There seems to be an inclination, which started at the beginning of the present year, towards trading in shares other than those of the

However this cannot yet be identified as a trend because it is usual in a weak market that such short periods of weak trading in a

particular sector occur. We believe that the reason behind this, is the recent declaration of the government which stated that a policy aiming at stopping government guarantee to the banking sectors' shareholders of their December 1985 equity value, was under discussion. This declaration had a great impact on trading because the banks have deficits and the yearly distribution of dividends is a decision of the Central Bank of Kuwait and not a true reflection of financial

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The National Bk	121.52	121.52	_ '
The Gulf Bk	29.70	29,26	0.44
The Comm. Bk	23.27	23.27	. —

NEW YORK, Feb 10, (UPI): A projected 1990 drop

in US and Soviet oil output coupled with a rise in

The world's largest oil producer, the Soviet

Union, announced Thursday that 1989 output

averaged 12.14 million barrels a day, 340,000 barrels below 1988 and the level Moscow had planned for

When coupled with the record 500,000 barrels-a-

day drop in US output and the decline in North Sea

production because of accidents, "close to 1.5 million barrels daily" wast aken out of the world supply, said Robert Ebel, international vice

president of Enserch Corp., Washington, DC. Another source in a major US oil company closely

monitoring world supply and demand forecast that

Soviet production would drop another 300,000

Ebel, a former US intelligence analyst who recen-

tly returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, con-

curred. "I wouldn't be surprised if Soviet output

barrels in 1990 to 11.9 million barrels a day.

US oil industry sources said yesterday.

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Riyal steady

Quiet day in **KD** market

KUWAIT, Feb 10, (Reuter): Kuwait's dinar deposits market ing in the sbort dates, dealers

Overnight, tomorrow-next spot-next and one week were seen at around 8-5/8 3/8 while one and three months, at 8-11/16 7/16. was also little changed from Thursday.

"It was a very quiet day with little action in the short dates." one dealer said. Six months and a year were

unchanged at 8-3/4 1/2. The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate to 0.28998/ 08 to the dollar from Thursday's

0.29024/34. Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates were mainly steady today in a liquid market which saw little business due to

the European weekend. Dealers reported trade only in overnight funds, which dealt at five pet. Spot-next and one-week were indicated 1/8 point lower at 7-1/2, 1/4 per cent.

A recent influx of riyals from government payments continued to exert downward pressure on rates, the dealers said.

Hong Kong trade team in Kuwait

LEADING businessmen from Hong Kong arrived in Kuwait yesterday for a three day visit, organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. The delegation will hold business negotiations with Knwait traders at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel where there will be an exhibition on a wide variety of top quality products which include household items, electronics, toys, watches and many other products.



Chairman of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdul Aziz Al Saquer addressing the 71st session of the Arab Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture which opened in Kuwait yesterday

Hoec holds investors conference

Oil exploration firm goes to public

IN all probability it is the first time that a private sector company is raising money for oil exploration
— an area so far monopolised by the public sector. H.T. Parekh, chairman of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd, is aware of the risks involved in oil exploration. But the company has devised a strategy for minimising the risk. India has 1.72 million square kilometres of

sedimentary basin with prognosticated reserves of 17 hillion tonnes of petroleum. With all the com-mendable efforts by ONGC and OlL only about 25 per cent of this area has been reasonably explored and only about 25 per cent of this reserve has been discovered. The drilling density in our Indian hasins of 12 wells per 10,000 square kilometres is well below the world average of 45 wells. The oil exploration process is capital intensive and has a long lead time between exploration and final production:

The laudable efforts by ONGC and OIL have significantly increased domestic crude production to over 30 million tonnes per annum. However energy demand, growing at over 7 per cent per annum, is outstripping supply resulting in a growing shortfall of presently 20 million tonnes. The importation of crude is costing the exchequer over Rs4,000 crores in precious foreign exchange. There is a cogent need to step up the pace of exploration in

-The Government of India has recognised this need. Multinational oil companies have been invited to explore offshore blocks. Recently, encouragement has been given to Indian private sector companies to enter the field of oil exploration. Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Limited (Hoee) is the first such company formed to sup-plement the efforts of 2.1GC and OIL in oil and gas exploration.

Incorporated in 1983, Hoee has equity participation from all Indian financial institutions, major commercial banks, and large industrial bouses.

Hoec, the first such venture, is inviting public participation in oil exploration. For this, the company is entering the capital market with an issue of 1,00,00,000 equity shares of Rs10 each for cash at par. The issue, to be listed on Bomhay, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bangalore Stock Exchanges, will open on February 5, 1990 for NRIs and on February 12 for Indian public.

The guiding force behind Hoec, is its Vice Chairman, H.T. Parekh, chairman of HDFC and former

chairman of ICICI. The chairman is the well known career diplomat, Shri B.K. Nehru. The other directors are respected figures in the corporate world: R.N. Mafatlal, S.S. Betrabet, N.N. Kapadia, B.R.

Sule, C.K. Mehta, A.H. Divanji, P.P. Shah. Ajit C. Kapadia, a chemical engineer with over 25 years of varied experience in the oil industry is the managing director. Kapadia was previously director of planning at Gas Authority of India (GAIL). Kapadia is currently visiting Kuwaii to meet the potential investors in Kuwaii. He also organised an investors conference yesterday at the Kuwaii Con-

Hoec has brought together a nucleus of its own staff, a panel of consultants, exploration scientists, and drilling experts who comprise a strong and experienced in-house technical group. This group has made assessment reports on potential prospects for the company's pending projects.

Technical collaborations have been finalised in

key areas to bring required expertise of international standards to the organisation. Hindustan Prakla Geophysical Company has been formed as a joint venture with Prakla Seismos AG, West Germany, to undertake all aspects of geophysical data acquisition and interpretation. The eompany can draw on resources of established international consultancy organisations and oil companies to utilise state-ofthe art methods that can both reduce odds and exploration costs.

The company has an understanding with Asia Foundations and Constructions Limited (AFCONS) for drilling and other oilfield services. It is Hoec's goal to spread risk both through joint ventures and participation in projects of varying risk

to cover the risk of failure in one project: Discussions have been held with Oil India Limited (OIL) to undertake join: exploration in a new PEL area of OIL which is of mutual interest.

A letter of intent has been signed with International Petroleum Corporation (IPL) for a 10 per cent in its KG-OS-IV block in offshore Krishna Godavari basin with proportionate share in benefits should hydrocarbons be found. 1PL was awarded this block by government of India in Third Round. The application is with Commerce Ministry for approval

Applied to Government of Gujarat for petroleum exploration license in onshore Kutch basin. The issue opened for NRIs on Feh 5, 1990. The closing will be on Feh 16.

slipped to about 11.8 million barrels daily," he said. Long-term solution sought

Soviet oil output to drop in '90

Prices set to rise further.

world demand will ease pressure on the Opec oil shifted needed capital investment away from their organisation to curh continuing overproduction, oil industry to consumer goods to allay growing

Poland seeks debt payment freeze

WARSAW, Feb 10, (Reuter): Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki has asked the Paris Club to suspend Poland's deht repayments in 1990 and find ways to freeze the \$40-billion debt at its present level, a govern-ment official said today.

In a letter to the prime mini-sters of Poland's 17 Paris Club creditor nations, Mazowiecki also asked the club to seek a longterm solution at its next meeting that would significantly reduce Poland's debt.

The Paris Clah holds about \$30 billion of the Polish deht. The official said Mazowiecki's letter pointed out that the debt problem was the main obstacle to the success of the economic

adjustment plan that the

Solidarity-led government implemented on January 1 with the backing of the International

Monetary Fund (IMF). It asked the club for shortterm measures to stop the debt

Postponement of capital and interest payments due in 1989 and so far this year but not paid; Postponement of all other

payments this year and; Action to freeze the growth of the debt caused by capitalisation of unpaid interest. The three-page letter also asked the 17 countries to seek a.

long-term solution that would achieve a major reduction in Poland's debt, the official said. Mazowiecki told the prime ministers his government very

much wanted to be financially reliable over debts it incurred but pointed out that it had inherited most of the debt from previous communist governments.

The Soviets would have to work very hard to

maintain the 1989 output level, since they have

public unrest in this age of glasnost, or openness, he

Ebel estimated Soviet oil exports, which account

for a major portion of its carnings of foreign hard

currency, dropped 200,000 barrels in 1989 to 3.9

The industry executives forecast that US domes

tic production would continue to decline in 1990,

"although may be not as much as 1989," Ebel said.

Petroleum Exporting Countries, which pumps about one-third of the world's oil, was estimated to

average 23.4 million barrels-a-day in January, said

the major oil company source, who asked to remain

This is about 1.4 million barrels above the 22

million-barrels output ceiling the organisation set for the first six months of 1990 in its late-November

Output of the 13-nation Organisation of

million barrels daily.

He suggested the creation of a working group within the Paris Club, with the participation of Poland and the collaboration of the IMF, to seek ways of reducing Poland's debt, the official

According to government spokesman Zbigniew Augustynowicz, the letter asks that creditors:

Permit Poland to suspend all payments, including interest and principal, for 1989 and 1990.

Freeze the debt at its present





New appointment

Maurice Fakhoury has been appointed as the general manager of Al Rashed Travel Company with effect from Jan 27, '90. Meurice Fakhoury has 39 years of international experience in traval industry and expected to make significant contribution in this field. He is well-known to most of the peopla particularly in travel industry in Kuwait through his previous management of Behbehani Traval Bureau in the early sixties and the Alghanim Travel Agency from 1980 to 1984. Fakhoury (third from right) pictured with his colleagues.

Small oil exploration firm stars on Dublin stock exchange

DUBLIN, Feb 10, (Reuter): Tuskar Resources, a small brish exploration firm that struck oil at opposite ends of the earth, could repeat its performance this year as 1989's star of the Dublin Stock Exchange.

After big finds in Turkey and Colombia, its share price jumped by 440 percent last year. Now, with its sights set on Texas and possibly Indonesia, managing director Mike Doherty confidently stars: "I do see us growing substan-

tially." in an industry dominated by multinationals, the head of a firm with just 24 employees argues that small is beautiful. With estimated reserves of 350 million barrels in the Rubiales field in Colombia and up to 20 million in two Turkish finds,

Doherty wants to keep it that way. "The smaller companies are better at oil exploration. With the majors, exploration decisions tend to go through various committees. In big structures, good ideas tend to get lost," he told Reuters in an interview.

Doherty, aiming to keep Tuskar Resources in the forefront of exploration, not production, said: "I see the majors as being very bureaucratic and committee-oriented."

A seismic expert with a geophysics degree and almost two decades' experience in the oil husiness from the North Sea to Nigeria, Doherty has found

a niche and wants to stay there. "We have no track record in developing oil fields. We all come from the

exploration side. We enjoy doing it. We have been fairly successful. Why change the formula when it works?"

Tuskar Resources, capitalised at around 100 million Irish punts (\$150 million), is currently negotiating a full takeover bid for the Australian firm Arabex Petroleum NL, the original rubiales licence holder, so it can have 100 per cent control of the Colombian field.

It was already a majority shareholder in Arabex but Doherty said: "We thought it would be tidier to have it all as we are in discussions with major com-panies on developing the field."

His horizons are always expanding. It

He is the first to admit Tuskar Resources does not have the expertise or inclination for large-scale production and says of rubiales in Colombia's southern

Lianos basin: "It is now the ideal site for a major to get into. We can offer large reserves and this is what most of the majors are looking for."

Doherty is optimistic about Turkey where Tuskar's two finds may yield up to 20 million barrels. "Those will be very profitable because of the terms there. We are looking at oil worth \$6 to 7a barrel to

is the nature of the business. "We have . now gone into the United States in Gonzales county in Texas. We have got high hopes for that." Next in line may be Indonesia. "We are involved in discussions and could have a

Reviewing exploration prospects to

the year 2000, Doherty said: "The great hope for the future is Russia and the East bloc countries. Russia is very underexplored. Very few risky wells have been drilled there. Romania, Bulgaria and Poland are also opening up very

Tuskar Resources, named after a rock crowned by a lighthouse off the southern Irish coast, is now based in Woking,

"London is the oil centre of the world outside of Houston, you can get the best people there and the communications are very good," Doherty said.

But what of the prospects at home? less than half a dozen wells were drilled off Ireland last year and 1990 is expected to

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JAKARTA, Feb 10, (Reuter): The World Bank, the second biggest source of aid to Indonesia, said demand for funds from Eastern Europe would not affect its support to this heavily-indebted country hut warned it could not

say the same for other donors. 'I don't see any reason why it (World Bank aid) should be less than what we are doing this year, which is very high," bank vice-president for Asia Attila Karaosmanoglu told reporters today after meeting President Suharto.

Last year the bank pledged \$1.90 billioo for Indonesia, the Third World's fifth largest deb-

The country's aid donors are due to hold their next annual talks in June and Indonesia is aiready voicing fears that freshly opened Eastern Europe will be seen as in greater need of the available aid.

"I am sure that the World Bank activities in Indonesia ... will not be affected by the developments in East Europe. Of course it is difficult to say what will happen on bilateral aid," Karaosmanoglu said.

Special assistance, for balance of payments and budget support, is widely seen by economists as the most likely to be the target of any cuts by donors.

Many donors disapprove of special aid because they have little control over bow it is spent. It accounted for \$1.86 billion of the total 4.30 billion pledged last

Karaosmanoglu said despite the country's widely recognised achievements in improving its economy it remained a low-middle income country and still needed quite a bit of assistance.

But growing new needs for assistance were putting a serious constraint on the availability of resources for individual countries and the difficulties in this regard should not be underestimated.

An economic team from Japan, the biggest supplier of aid to Indonesia, visited the country last week but gave no clue as to wbether it would lower its lend-

ing this year.

He said not only aid would be affected but there would also be increasing demand oo private investment.

"In that regard the country which has the best, most predictable economic environment and the healthy infrastructure will private investment.

Japan pledges loan to Hungary

TOKYO, Feb 10, (UPI): Japan's Export-Import Bank said today it has agreed to provide a bankto-bank loan worth 5 billion ven (\$34.5 million) to National Bank of Hungary.
The fund will be used by the

Hungarian bank to finance import of capital goods from Japan, the government-financed bank said.

The loan is part of a \$400 million trade insurance package pledged by Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu during his visit to Hungary last month, the bank said.

In addition, Kaifu offered a total of \$5 billion united loans to Hungary over the next three years to help promote the country's economic development and reform.

The Ex-Im Bank provided a united loan of up to 8 billion yen (\$55.2 million) to the Hungarian National Bank in May last year in co-financing with the World

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Wall Street watch

Despite passage of refunding auction

Wall Street still faces some rocky moments

NEW YORK, Feb 10, (AP): The US treasury auction monkey is off the stockmarket's back, but many observers say Wall Street still faces some rocky moments as it tries to sustain a recovery from its January lows.

They warn of potential corporate earnings shocks. Rising interest rates overseas may continue to make homegrown investments more attractive to foreigners. And weakness in the dollar

could cut foreign demand here as well. On the plus side, they say inflation appears to be under control despite a strong increase in wholesale prices in January. The increase was blamed in large part on spikes in food and energy prices due to unusually cold weather. And they say that the slowing economy may soon inspire declines in mterest rates-that will make stocks more attractive.

In a word, analysts on both sides of the fence say the next few weeks will be

"Getting the refunding behind us is positive for the market. It takes away one of the negatives overhanging the market," said Thomas Czech, chairman of the investment committee at Blunt Ellis and Loewi in Milwaukee.

The refunding auction, which involved sales of \$30 billion in new treasury notes and bonds, had been

nervously awaited by the stock market. Traders feared that rising rates in Japan and other countries would diminish the foreign appetite for treasury issues, forcing the government to offer even higher interest rates to sell

all of the new issues. But demand was strong for the threeyear and 10-year notes, and even a lukewarm reception for the 30-year bonds didn't spoil the impression that the refunding had gone fairly well. Nonetheless, having the refunding

out of the way does not guarantee smooth sailing for either the stock or bond markets.

"We have some other clouds to clear

spurts in atrendless pattern over the next few weeks until "we get a clear sign that inflation is receding. "We are still facing a market that was wounded in January," said Bill Raf-

stock prices.

tery, a technical researcher for Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co.

up bere," Czech said. He said the weak dollar has been

"bothering the stock market" and has

given no signs of bottoming out. In addition, he said "disappointing earn-

ings will be with us for a while," burting

He expects the market to move in

He referred to a move that took the Dow Jones industrial average to a

record high of 2,810.15 on Jan 2 and then seot it careening to a low of 2,543.24 on Jan 30. The market has retraced about a

third of the loss through Friday's close, but Raftery noted, "it takes a long time to heal the wounds." Rao Chalasani, market strategist for Prescott, Ball and Turben in Cleveland,

expects rates to continue rising in West Germany and Japan as monetary officials there respond to signs of infla-

He said the Dow Jones industrial average could fall to the 2,400 level in the spring before declining interest rates spark an economic pickup and

provides lift for stocks later in the ven-This past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials showed a net gain of 45.50 to finish at 2,648.20 by Friday's close. It was the second consecutive weekly advance as the Down Jones average rose 43.47 the previo

Other readings for the week showed the New York Stock Exchange com-posite index gained 1.64 to 184.39; the Nasdaq composite index for the overthe-counter market was up 6.63 at 428.84; and the American Stock Exchange market value index rose 7.23 to 360.79, its strongest gain since rising 7.38 for the week ended Sept 29, 1989.

Bank of Japan governor meets Fed chief

Wait-and-see stance on interest rates

WASHINGTON, Feb 10, (UPI): Bank of Japan Governor Yasushi Mieno has not ruled out an interest rate hike by his institution after parliamentary elections are held later this month, a Japanese Central Bank official told reporters Friday after Mieno met with Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan.

Speaking with journalists oo condition of anonymity, the official told reporters that Micno, who succeeded Satoshi Sumita at the belm of the Japanese Central Bank Dec 16, "eategorically" denied a Washington consulting firm's report that be would not consider

The Japanese Central Bank chief met Greenspan and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady during the day, Japanese sources confirmed. A Central Bank official in

Tokyo said Mieno was in Washington for talks on monetary issues, including foreign exchange rate stabilisation efforts of the group of seven major industrial democracies.

But a Fed official said Mieno's sojourn was a simple "courtesy visit" during which there would be no official discussions or negotiations.

Foreign exchange and other financial markets have been looking for signs of a Bank of Japan move to hike interest rates to boost the value of the yen and io response to domestie inflationary pressures. Political considerations have ruled out a hike before the Feb 18 elections.

The Japanese official said his government is closely watching trends such as a tightening labour supply, rising oil prices, an increasing money supply and escalating land prices. He ackn-

Move to push German unity

Bonn may be fanning crisis

owledged that a weak ven is putting upward pressure on import

Noting that Japan raised interest rates three times in 1989, most recently by a half a percentage point late last year, the official said Japan's for now has taken a wait-and-see stance on intererst rates.

When the Group of Seven met in Washington in September it agreed to restrain the rise of the US dollar, Since then the West German mark has strengthened considerably against the dollar, for economie and political reasons, but the Japanese yen has remained relatively weak.

The United States and Japan both would like to see the yen strengthen against the dollar. This would help redress the US trade deficit by making Japanese

goods more expensive here and US goods cheaper in Japan. Financial analysts had speculated that Mieno and

Greenspan might reach some agreement on how to reinforce

Political uncertainty has sapped yen strength, as the stability of Japanese financial markets is closely tied to the fortunes of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, damaged by scandals. The government has resisted an interest rate hike, which could hurt it in the Feb 18 election.

The Group of Seven leading industrial countries comprises the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada. G-7 officials meet at intervals to co-ordinate economie policies in order to maintain the stability of exchange rates and world financial mark-

Japan pays Iran \$900m in project settlement

NICOSIA, Feb 10. (Reuter): A Japanese consortium led by Mitsui and Company paid Iran 130 billion yen (3900 million) yesterday to end its partnership in a joint petrochemical project, Iran's Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh said.

He told Tehran radio the sum was paid four months after iran and the consortium agreed to end their 50-50 partnership in the Iran-Japan petrochemical company project in Bandar Khomeini.

Aqazadeh said South Korean firms would probably get the main chunk of contracts for com-

pleting the project.

"Today 130 billion yen was deposited at the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Japanese firms and the 50 pr cent equity of Mitsui and its partners was transferred to Iran's National

EAST BERLIN, Feb 10, (Renter): West Germany may be exaggerating East Germany's economic crisis to speed up its agenda for unification as

"I think the West Germans are exaggerating East

Germany's difficulties to push their unity agenda. (Chancellor Helmut) Kohl is anxious to be seen as

the architect of German unity as elections approach

in both Germanys," said one diplomat. Western diplomats based in East Berlin said an

unabating exodus of skilled workers to West Germany twinned with longstanding productivity shor-tcomings had severely damaged the economy but

"We've fanned people around the country recen-

tly and they found the stores open, people are

buying. Supplies are short hut we don't see any

NEW YORK, Feb 10, (Reuter): Treasury bonds posted their biggest gains for the year on Friday, bolstered by US government figures that suggested

Wall Street gained confidence from the sharply higher bond prices, while the dollar fell slightly in

very quiet pre-weekend trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.83

points to close at 2,648.20. In the broader market,

advancers led decliners by seven to six on the New York Stock Exchange, where 146.9 million stocks

particular desperation," one diplomat said.

inflation was not as high as first feared.

not brought it to its knees.

elections near in both countries, diplomats say.

Petrochemical Company (NPC)," he said.

The payment cads a 19-year joint venture, in which the two sides invested a total of 600 billion yen (\$4.2 billion) at the project on Iravk-NN's The complex, 85 per cent complete when the Gulf ar broke out in 1980, was repeatedly attacked by

The Japanese side abandoned work during the war and considered the project no longer econ-omical after fighting ended 18 months ago.

The settlement was reached after several rounds of talks in Tehran and Tokyo. Aqazadeh said at the time its accord removed a stumblig block in trade and industrial relations between Iran and Japan.

billion foreign debt.

their yields fall.

On Wednesday, Kohl's cabinet urged swift talks

to set up a monetary union with East Germany,

calling this an essential first step toward stimulating

its economy and damming the deluge of migrants.

On Friday, a senior Bonn government official, demanding anonymity, asserted that East Germany

could go bankrupt soon and default on its \$13-

The East German government denied the report

Western diplomats agreed there was no evidence

and Bonn's chief government spokesman knocked

of an East German balance-of-payments emer-

They viewed the bankruptcy allegation as a Bonn bid to steamroll East German reservations about currency union while oot thinking through the potential for a backfire effect.

The key 30-year government bond ended at 101-

28/32, up 1-11/32 — the biggest price gain of the year. This pushed the yield down to 8.33 per cent, from 8.45 per cent on Thursday. As bond prices rise,

The government reported that its chief gauge of inflation at the wholeslae level rose a steep 1.8 per cent last month, its biggest gain in more than 15

down the official's statement shortly afterward.

public , chiected chain municipala. Aqazadeh told the radio, monitored in Cyprus, that he hoped the first phase of the project, to be constructed by Iranian experts, would come on stream by September.

"For subsequent phases we are talking with French and South Korean firms and we hope to give most of the installation jobs to South Korea,"

Tehran radio on Tuesday quoted NPC director Ahmad Rahgozar as saying Iran would build four major petrochemical plants at a combined cost of \$3.2 billion over the next five years.

\$3.2 billion over the next five years.
He did not mention the Bandar Khomeini complex among NPC's major projects for which a newly approved five-year plan has authorised the use of \$2.2 billion of foreign credit.

World Bank loan for China

WASHINGTON, Feb 10, (AP): The World Bank, biggest source of aid to the Third World, announced on Thursday its first loan to China since the communist government cracked down on the movement for democracy last June.

China and India are the largest borrowers from the bank. Up to the end of June it had lent China nearly

Meeting behind closed doors, representatives of the 151 governments that own the bank approved a \$30-million loan for relief from earthquakes that hit northern China in October. Barber B. Conable, the American who is president of the bank, did not ask for action at this session on \$780 million worth of loans that he postponed in June.

US President George Bush later asked that the loans be held up.
A spokesman for the US Treasury, speaking anonymously, said a US representative on the board of representative directors supported the

executive directors supported the loan on Thursday. He said he did not know who was sitting at the session for the United States. Its official member is E. Patrick Coady, a tresury official.
Officials of the bank said none of

the 22 board members opposed the Approval had been foreshadowed

when Conable put it on the programme for the Thursday meet-ing.

Freight truck exhibition Three-year-old Vincent van Der Sluis, son of a truck driver, tries to climb on board a huge truck during the

Wholesale prices surge

NEW YORK, Feb 10, (UPI): The United States wrapped up its quarterly refunding marathon this week with surprisingly strong global participation that produced higher yields on 30-year bonds, 10-year and 3-year notes.

During the three-day quarterly refunding, the United States sold:

■ \$10 billion in 3-year notes Tuesday yielding 8.43 per cent, the highest since 9.12 per cent May 9 and better than November's 7.77 per cent. The notes, which mature Feb 3, 1993, and have an interest rate of 8.375 per cent, sold at an average price of \$99.857.

\$10 billion of 10-year notes Wednesday with the yield jumping to 8.59 per cent, the highest since 9.18 per cent May 10. The notes, with an interest rate of 8.5 per cent, sold at an average price of \$99.40 and mature Feb 15, 2000. The November 10-year notes yielded 7.94 per cent.

■ \$10 billion of 30-year bonds Thursday with the yield increasing to 8.5 per cent — the highest since 9.11 per cent on May 1. The bonds, which mature Feb 15, 2020, and have an interest rate of 8.5 per cent, sold at an average price of \$100 at the November auction, 30-year bonds yielded 7.87 per cent. Wholsale prices surged by 1.8 per cent in January in the biggest rise since the 1974 energy crisis, fuelled

by a buge increase in oil and gas prices, the government said Friday. Vegetable prices also took a beating, but analysts, who placed the blame on the disastrous winter weather, predicted only moderate inflation for the

The unusually large 13.6 per cent increase in energy prices was the steepest since the government

started tracking wholesale gas and oil prices in 1974, and the overall increase in the producer price index was the largest since 2 per cent in November of that year, the Labour Department said. Meanwhile, worker productivity slowed in the

last three months of 1989, winding up a year with the smallest gain in the bourly output of goods and services since 1982, the government said Monday. Some analysts said the report may set the stage for steeper inflation ahead.

In its report on productivity and costs, the Labour Department said worker output decreased by 0.2 per cent in the quarter and the number of hours

worked fell by 0.4 per cent — the first decline since the second quarter of 1986 - while hourly pay jumped/by nearly 7 per cent. However, prices for new one-family houses fell

slightly in the last quarter of 1989 and rose 2.7 per cent during the year compared with prices for similar houses sold in 1988, the Commerce Department reported Monday. Analysts noted that during 1989 nation-wide

house sales as well as new construction remained at a low ebh due to higher mortgage interst rates. According to the Census Bureau, the average

price of houses sold in 1989 rose 8 per cent to \$149,300 from 1988. In a finding that could undermine President Bush's plan to cut capital gains taxes, a house committee report said Monday that during the

1980s, the rich paid lower taxes on more income, while the poor felt a sharper tax bite. The report showed the effective tax rate for the corest 20 per cent of American families rose 16.1

per cent during the 1980s while real income rose 2.2 During the same period, it said, the effective tax rate for the richest 20 per cent of families dropped by 5.5 per cent while their real income rose 31.7 per

Meanwhile, Mexican finance officials and international bankers met Wednesday to sign a pact

easing the Latin nation's buge debt burden. Representatives of about 100 of Mexico's 460 commercial bank creditors showed up to sign papers executing an agreement that will reduce Mexican debt by partial forgiveness. Some of the debt will be converted into discounted bonds.

In Europe, the West German government agreed Wednesday to begin immediate negotiations with East Germany on the establishment of a monetary

union between the two states.
Finance Minister Theo Waigel told a news conference in Bonn that cabinet ministers had shown particular interest in a proposed system that would introduce the West German mark into East many which would then have to give up its monetary

The proposal for a monetary union is largely seen as a step toward the reunification of the two German states divided since the end of World War 11.

Dairy group looks to Europe, Mideast for growth control of MDI operations. "It was important

Bonds post highest gains for '89

ViBY. Denmark, Feb 10. (Reuter): Ripening 200 tonnes of cheese in an old jutland chalk mine while tourists hike through the echoing caverns and listen to the owner expound on the life cycle of bats may seem a strange way to

promote a product. But for Danish dairy group MD Foods, it's a small part of an ambitious programme designed to grab a bigger slice of the global market and triple its turnover by the end of the century.

"We're aiming for annual group turnover of 30 billion crowns (\$4.6 billion) by the year 2000," executive director Finn Christiansen told a group of visiting reporters.
With turnover of 11.9 billion crowns (\$1.8) billion) in the year to Sept 30, 1989, up 5.5 per cent from the previous year, MD Foods is already one of Europe's biggest dairy firms, and

a corporate giant in Denmark.

Share analysts see it as a growing force in the European food sector, able to challenge such giants as US-based kraft foods and Anglo-Dutch Unitever in its areas of specialisation.

MD Foods is virtually takeover-proof about 12,000 dairy farmers who supply it with

milk and elect from their ranks a board of directors who appoint the management. But through MD Foods International A/S (MDI), a subsidiary set up last October with one billion crowns (\$150 million) paid-up capital, mostly from banks and pension funds, the group is looking actively for overseas acquisi-

MD Foods markets two-thirds of Denmark's milk and accounts for 90 per cent of its butter and cheese exports, the result of three decades of mergers which have turned thousands of small family farms into a hustling agro-industry.

"We needed a new basis for growth, so we set up MDI to handle production, trading and development of dairy products outside Denmark," Christiansen said.

MDI's task is to look for foreign takeover

prospects and strategic alliances and to find and fill gaps in export markets.

MD Foods put up only 150 million crowns (\$23 million) of the capital itself, but has full

for us to control the company because we have the expertise in running a dairy business," said Christiansen. "The institutional investors

Its institutional backing has also assured MD Foods easy access to funds, such as the 600 million crown (590 million) commercial paper programme set up last month.

While dominating the tmy home marker of just 5.1 million, MD Foods already exports 51 per cent of its output to 100 countries, and is the world's biggest producer of Feta cheese. The dairy business is competitive and can be risky. In recent years, the company has had to close one small dairy stricken by the sometimes lethal bacteria listeria, and tried its hand at seiling Persian carpets and Pistachio nuts to

purchases.
"A touch of listeria in a big dairy would be a major problem," said one company official "If we halted supplies to a major retailer, com-

help the Iranians pay for their huge Feta cheese

MD Foods is constantly developing and improving new products — such as the grubeost, or cave cheese, maturing 35 metres (100 feet) underground in the moensted chalk caves at a steady 8.5 degrees centigrade (47.3 fahrenheit). Cheese division director Ole Thing sees food

production and sales becoming increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few giant companies through domestic and cross-border "Our main customers, the retailers, are becoming bigger and more professional," he said, "they want low prices for fixed quality, fast

delivery, space-saving packaging and quick reaction to changing orders."

Christiansen sees West Europe and the Middle East as the firm's main growth areas. "There are big opportunities in East Europe, and we may co-operate in developing the dairy industry there ... but east Europe has good potential over the next 10 years to develop its farm sector and may become a competitor.

Repair of gas refinery to play key role

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Feb 10, (AP): Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani said today the reopening of the Kangan gas refinery, the second largest in the world, is a key to the country's post-war recovery.

Rafsanjani, quoted by the Islamic Republic News Agency in a dispatch monitored in Cyprus, was speaking on his return to Tehran after inaugurating the repaired plant on the Gulf coast.

He said the total refining capacity of the plant is 80 million cubic metres (2.8 billion cubic feet) of gas per day, drawn from the nearby Kangan and Nar gas

The project will play a key role in meeting

domestic energy needs and strengthen the country's

economy," Rafsanjani added. Irna said the plant will be able to process 34 millioo cubic metres (1.2 billion cubic feet) per day within four months when three other refining units

go into operation. A major portion of the three billion cubic metres of oatural gas which the Iranians have agreed to export to the Soviet Unioo beginning in March, will be supplied by the Kangan and Nar fields.

The Iranians rapidly started rebuilding their oil and gas-related facilities immediately after the Gulf war ceasefire in August 1988 in an effort to boost their foreign exchange earnings.



Proud mum with miracle baby

Your health

Cholesterol tests spur changes

Oat bran theory examined

substance that can help lower choles-

terol, something that contradicted

what has become common know-

ledge became newsworthy. Anothe

story demonstrating the beneficial effects of oat bran just wouldn't be

exciting any more.

The study is being referred to as negative, but that requires several

qualifiers. First of all, it was a

relatively small study, with only 20 participants. Secondly, those in the

study were all young, average age 30. Finally, all had normal cholesterol levels, 200 or less. Half of them are a

diet with 87 grams per day of oat bran, supplied as muffins and the other ate the same amount of wheat

bran, a fiber not supposed to lower cholesterol. All other aspects of the

diet were the same, especially the

At the end of six weeks, the ground

crossed over, that is, those on out

bran ate wheat bran, and vice versa.

The study was double blind, meaning

ocither the researchers oor the patients knew which group they were in. Presumably the muffins were

calorie and fat content.

identical in taste.

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Public cholesterol screenmg tests apparently encourage many people to seek advice from their doctor and change their diets to

cut their risk for heart disease, researchers say.

A recent study found about 40 per cent of people who had high cholesterol levels on public screening tests went to a doctor to follow up on the results and more than three-quarters reported changing their

Dr Antonio Gotto of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston said his team's study of more than 13,000 people may help rebuff recent criticism about the value and safety of widescale cholesterol screen-

in a study published recently in the American Journal of Cardiology, Gotto and his colleagues looked at the effectiveness of cholesterol screening at a variety of sites — shopping malls, workplaces, health care centres, a supermarket, a blood bank

The study was conducted by a national network of lipid research clinics and was funded by Boerhinger-Mannheim, which makes the finger-prick cholesterol test used in the study. Gotto, chairman of Baylor's department of medicine, said resear-chers had no financial interest in Boerhinger. Overalt, 25 per cent of the 13,824 people tested

had blood cholesterol levels above those recommended by the National Institutes of Health. That is similar to the proportion found in the general US population.

Record

ilic, people were given a writter record of their cholesterol results and were told to contact a doctor if their levels were high. Subjects

By Jeffrey A. Fisher, M.D.

Apparently yesterday was a slow ocws day. Why else would the media, whose primary goal is telling the truth, without distortions, have opted to headline the recent negative study oo oat bran? Where ever yoo live, I'll wager that it appeared either on the front page of your local newspaper, was discussed on the nightly news, or more likely both. I realize that living in the New York area

that living in the New York area exposes me to more news than just

about anywhere else (and certainly

more than I care to hear), but when I

saw this on every TV station and in

every newspaper, I can only assume

The study was reported in the January 18th issue of the prestigious New Eogland Journal of Medicine.

which automatically makes it fair game for the media. That, along with the Journal of the American Medical

Association, and perhaps one or two

others, are scrutinized every week for

the possibility of some juicy story. Since out bran has been so much in

the news in the past year or so as a

that it was repeated everywhere.

also received a pamphlet explaining how blood cholesterol increases the risk for beart disease and offering dietary advice on lowering cholesterol.

About two months after the screening, researchers conducted telephone interviews involving about one-third of the people with high cholesterol levels. Forty-three percent said they had visited a doctor and 10 per cent had made an appointment, "We consider that a very good response," Gotto

More than 75 per cent who had seen a doctor said

their diagnosis of high cholesterol had been confirmed, and 72 per cent had been prescribed diets to reduce the problem, mearchers said.
In addition, about 80 per cent of people who had

not visited a doctor reported modifying their eating habits in response to their high choicsterol results. Government studies have linked cholesterol to coronary heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer. The percentage of adults who had their cholesterol checked has soured from 35 per cent in 1983 to 66 per cent in 1989.

Screening A recent federal report charged much of public cholesterol screening is unsafe and inaccurate, with up to 25 per cent of tests giving results that are too low. Concerns were also raised that many people with high cholesterol results are not referred to

Gotto said his study found blood drops "pricked" from finger capillaries registered cholesterol levels about 0.8 per cent to 3.5 per cent lower than simultaneous tests examining blood drawn from the vein. That level is "acceptable," he said.

Nile-side town. Personalities and leaders including French President François Mitterrand, Princess Caroline of Monaco and Sheikh

Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahayan of the United Arab Emirates are expected to join Mubarak. They are to discuss fund-raismg for a new Library near the original site in Alexandria built

Alexander's

from ashes

ASWAN, Egypt, (Reuter): Debt-burdened Egypt, anxious to recapture some of its past

glory, this weekend appeals to the outside wurld for help in

resurrecting the biggest library of the aucient world, destroyed by fire more than 2,000 years ago.

How to raise \$160 million to

pay for the Alexandria Library is

a question Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will put to an

international conference in this

library

to rise

by Alexander the Great in 332 The Alexandria library was

the biggest in the ancient world. The pre-Christian, pre-Islamic

hbrary accumulated on one site the world's biggest collection of knowledge on astrology, mathematics, medicine and philoso-

A fire destroyed much of the library in 48 BC, as Julius Ceasar's legions sacked Alexan-

Little now remains io the noisy, sprawling Mediterranean port city to show it was ever a centre of culture and learning. Egypt hopes the library will

bring back some of the culture to Alexandria and with it the tour-It has pledged 45,000 square

metres of land east of Alexandria harbour to build the library and Mubarak has already laid the foundation stone. Alexandria University offi-

cials have begun collecting books and aim to have 200,000 books on the shelves by the time the library is opened in 1995.

A Norwegian architectural firm, Snobeta, won an international competition to design the library and has nearly finished a 500,000-dollar feasibility study financed by the Norwegian government

Miracle baby

A tiny baby with a giant heart

MIRACLE baby Rukaya Bailey has won her seven month battle for life after being born one of the world's timest tots.

Little Rukaya was born in June weighing just over half a pound after being born an amazing eighteen weeks premature.

Doctors believe Rukaya whose name means "Gift of Life" - believe she is the most premature baby ever born in the UK to survive.

She was just six inches long at birth - the size of her mother's hand - and given little hope of surviving. Now she has been allowed

home — after spending the first seven mooths of her life in hosp-ital.

And proud mum Joanna Bailey still has to give her the gift of life-by giving her whiffs of oxygen from a specially supplied hospital cylinder.

It's the moment I always hoped for. I just couldn't wait to cuddle her here at home," said Joanna who did not take her daughter in her arms for three months after Rukaya was born.
"No one could tell me exactly

how small she was at birth — she was too tiny to be weighed" said

The medical staff estimated she could have weighed as little as eight or 18 ounces and they even-tually estimated she weighed 500 grammes, about a pound, but that was only when she was weighed several weeks after birth because she could not be taken out of the iotensive care

For the last seven mooths singlemum Joanna has made a daily

Rukaya, 6 inches at birth, was born 18 weeks early ... and weighed in as one of the tiniest babies. Although si was only a little scrap of humanity, she won her amazing battle for life.

10 mile ronod trip by bus to hospital from her second floor council flat home in Almons Close, Salford, Greater Maochester, England, to gaze at her baby

daughter. It's been an agonising time not knowing whether she would survive — and if she did would she be OK.

"It's even been a pleasure get-tingup in the middle of the night to feed her," said Joanna who was given lessons by nurses in how to care for her extra-special

bahy.
Wheo Joaooa weot ioto labour 22 weeks into her pregnancy doctors told her she was having a miscarriage and that the baby wouldn't survive.

But Rukaya confounded all the medical experts by surviving

with all her faculties intact. The tinytot who measured just six inches at birth clung oo to life - living up to her name.

"When I first saw her after the birth I was in shock and I could only stay and look at her for a few minutes. I felt like that for a few

days.
"She was so tiny and had all these tubes and wires sticking out of her. She was put oo a ventilator and was fed oxygeo through a tobe through her

Little Rukaya shoudl have been born oo Oct 30 — hut by

then she was already four months

She remained in intensive care for almost four months before being transferred to the Special Baby Care unit at Hope Hospital, Manchester.

But it was almost three months before Joanna could give Rukaya her first cuddle.

"I was terrified of hurting her wheo I held her for the first time she was so small and she had all these tubes sucking out at

Doctors only allowed her to feed, bath and change Rukaya at the end of last month.

"It was difficult at first to establish a relatiooship with her when I hadn't held her for the

first three mooths of her life. "At first the worst thing was never knowing what I would find when I went to see her - some days she would be off the ven-

tilator but oo other days she would be back oo it. "It was like taking two steps

forward and then taking 10 back-"Doctors have told me they have never heard of a haby surviving after being born at 22

weeks. "But the staff have been great

with her - I was like one of the family when I went to visit. All the ourses were like extra aunties to her." Thanks to the dedication

of the doctors and nurses little Rukaya now weighs in at a healthy six pounds - more than twelre times her original weight.

"She's so alert and wide awake now and when she sees me she just lies there and stares straight into my eyes.

"She is quite active. Even in hospital she pulled the ventilator and tuhes out on several occasions - but thankfully not

Single parent Joanna vividly remembers those early momeous wheo she gave birth to her little miracle Rukava.

done any permanent damage."

The pretty young man said:
"When the medical staff at the
hospital realised sbe was breathing they rushed her through to the special care unit. ljust thought if she is going to

die then let her go now before I became too attached to her. When I first saw her her eyes were still fused together like a little kitten's and she was almost

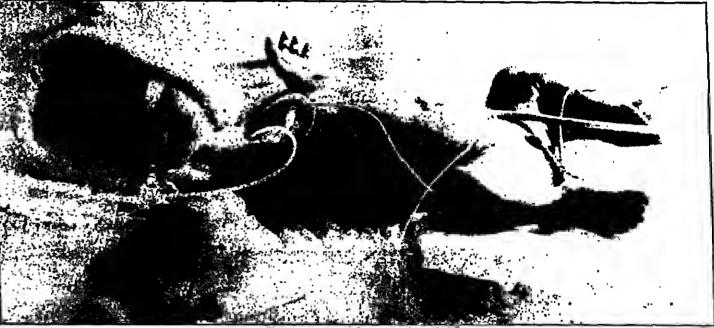
transparent. "She was just so tiny - she could not have been more than

the length of my hand.

"She was so small the ourses had to dress her in doll's clothes. I could oot believe she was alive. According to the Guinness Book of Records the previously recorded smallest premature baby koown to have survived was a Marion Taggart born weighing 10 ounces on June 5, 1938. She died on May 31, 1983.

"Even the doctors told me it was a miracle."
Joanna added: "A couple of

times one of her lungs nearly gave out, but she fought on.



FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Obesity causes pregnancy complications

QUESTION: I was obese (OK, I was fat!) when I became pregnant, but my physician is driving me crazy with her insistence that I keep watching what I cat and keep weight increase from getting out of right. Is all this attention required? I have been overweight most of my life and probably will continue to weigh a bit more than average after the baby, so what is the sense of all this fuss now?

Asswer-Obesity is always a health hazard, preg-uant or not. About 15 percent to 25 percent of all women age 20-29 are obese, a percentage the jumps from 20 percent to 40 percent at age 30-39. If those extra pounds are generally a reason for attention, they are even more so to the pregnant woman.

Some 37 complications of pregnancy have been reported as related to obesity, a cause for great During the pregnancy, extra weight may cause hypertension and problems with blood sugar (called gestational diabetes). Heavy women give birth to larger babies, that can cause difficult labor

and require the use of instruments (forceps) to aid delivery, which in turn increases the chances of injury to the baby. Caesarean sections are required more frequently in heavier women, and that can lead to complications stemming from excessive blood loss and infections, not to mention unwanted problems with anesthesia. The eye opener is that both baby deaths as well as

deaths of the mothers result more frequently when the mother is overweight. It may not be possible to lose weight during pregnancy, but a carefully planned diet can provide all the outrition necessary for both you and the baby. However, if you do maintain your weight, you get a unquestionable reward of the chance of losing up to 20 pounds after the pregnancy is over, which is great boost towards ng your ideal weight, if ever you wish to try to make it.

"phantom limh pain"? Is it real or imaginary? Our young son, a victim of an automobile injury is said to have such pain and we don't know how to deal with it. Please help us.

Answer: The term "phantom limbpain" is used to

Answer? I beterm "phantom imb pain" is used to describe the pain experienced by some patients after an amputation has been performed. The word "phantom' refers to the missing member, not to an imaginary pain. It is a difficult and frustrating problem to treat for the location of the pain is usually in the part of the limb that has been Experts on this problem feel that the pain is

caused by a combination of several causes involving the nerves, some psychological. While pain medications are tried at first, including narcotics to help break the cycle of pain perception, it frequently requires a considerable amount of psychological counseling to achieve results. This demands an understanding of the paticot's emotional perception of the loss, and discovering ways that address his occds.

Medical treatments include injecting the stump

to block impulses that can be originating in a neuroma or nerve tumor. When the pain is caused by a nerve that has become compressed by surroun-ding tissues, it may be eliminated by surgically relieving the pressure.

Your role in supporting all these efforts and remaining compassionate and sympathetic during this trying time may be the essential ingredient that leads to the relief of the pain, and the return of your son to a normal and productive life. Your letter reveals that he has great talent and much to live for, now, help him see this.

Early detection is the key to surviving colorectal cancer. Learn how to detect symptoms and how to cope if you are diagnosed as having this disease that will strike 145,000 Americans this year. Dr Bruckheim's booklet, Cancer Of The Colon and Rectum, may be one of the most important things you ever read. To order your copy, send \$2.75 to Cancer, P.O Box 4406, Orlando, Fia. 32802-4406. Make checks payable to Newspaperbooks.

Books

What was found was that each

group had about at 6 per cent reduc-noo in total cholesterol, regardless of which group they were in. The con-clusion was that the cholesterol-

lowering was due to a reduction in

fat, rather than any special properties

of the oat bran. Dr James Anderson of the Univer-

sity of Kentucky, who has conducted several positive studies on out bran,

commented that when there have

been 11 studies demonstrating that out bran lowered cholesterol from

13-19%, it would take a large, very

persuasive study to make one reconsider this large body of evidence. This study, in his opinioo, does oot

While it certainly is true that many

food manufacturers have hyped out

bran to the limit (oat bran potato

chips?), the evidence that when out

bran, as part of a low-fat, low choles-terol diet, can aid in the reduction of

latest study should only dissuade those who believe out bran to be

magic bullet, not a healthful ingredient.

holesterol is still very strong. The

'Sammy' celebrates golden anniversary

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): After some five decades of bitter bandying, "What Makes Sammy Run?" remains one of the best novels written about Hollywood and now stands a good chance of becoming a

Authored hy Budd Schulberg, "Sammy" tells the story of a devious studio mail room clerk who lies, cheats, and steals his way to the top, a despot who became a caricature for many of Hollywood's moguls in the 1940s and 50s.

The name Sammy Glick became a term for describing any human vulture who knifes people in the back without a trace of conscience.

Such heavyweight bosses as Louis B. Mayer, Harry Cohn, Jack Warner, Samm Goldwyn and Joseph Schenck were outraged when the novel was published in 1941. They detected their own ploys and character traits io Slimy Sammy.

Schulberg's portrait was so close to the knuckle that he became a parish who couldn't find work in Hollywood for years.

Even his father, the powerful B.P. Schulberg, head of Paramount pictures and later an enormously successful independent producer, failed to spare him the wrath of the reigning moguls.

Only 26 when he wrote the best-selling novel, Schulberg went on to win an Oscar for his screenplay of "On the Waterfront" in 1954. But he remained a black sheep until recently.

Schulberg, now 75, is delighted that "What Makes Sammy Run?" is being reprinted this year to celebrate its golden anniversary. Moreover, he has written screenplay from the book, which Warner Bros. has optioned for a film. Reaction

"At the time the book was first published, there was no chance it would become a movie because of the violent reactions of men like Mayer," Schulberg said recently.

"They wanted to run me out of town. Mayer ran this industry like it was his own country. 1 thought of Hollywood as old Venice and he was the head doge.
"It was unthinkable any of them would

produce the movie and thereby expose themselves. In later years the book remained unofficially banned. We produced a TV version and made it a musical on Broadway.

"In recent years I became a bit picky about how it would be made as a movie. 1 was waiting for someone to make the right

"Now times have changed. New people have come in and they don't identify themselves with Sammy, even though there may be more Sammy Glicks around than in my father's day.

"If the picture is made at Warner Bros. I will be one of the producers.

"What shocks me is how young people in and out of the movies perceive Sammy. When I wrote him he was a terrible human being scorned by everyone. By today's standards he's become a role model for

"What is the world coming to? I read an interview with Donald Trump who was accused of being an extreme egotist. Trump said, "I take that as a com-"If you asked Sammy Glick, he would

take it as an insult even today. It's an indication of the change our social mores. "I didn't realize until after the book came out that it wasn't so much about Hollywood as a character who exists in every business and society. Without know-

not just a little Hollywood hustler. "I had the luck to isolate this kind of person and put him down on paper. I heard from people all over the country in every

ing it, I wrote about a universal character,

walk of life who said they knew Sammy.
"When I first wrote about Sammy in a short story I called him Manny, but my father suggested I change the name to Sammy so people wouldn't think I was writing about Manny Cohen, who helped push him oot of Paramount."

Schulberg's publishers thought it would be a good idea to print a new edition of the old best-seller, which sold some 50,000 copies when it first appeared and more than a million in paparback.

"The first printing was only 2,000 copies," Schulberg recalled. "I got a \$500 advance. It sold out before it was officially in the stores. It eventually went into six or seven printings.

"For this edition. I wrote an afterward that traces Sammy's history," Schulberg said "I've been happy with the reviews after all these years and it's already gone into its second printing.

"One reviewer said there have only been five memorable characters in literature -Don Juan, Don Quixote, Scrooge, Babbitt and Sammy Glick.

That's very high praise and gives me hope that Sammy will be done justice in the movie version. The big challenge will be finding the right actor to play the part."

Monet's testament to French vitality in last century

BOSTON, (Reuter): Three Claude Monet paintings oever exhibited before and a "lost" canvas found gathering dust in a warehouse are among some 90 works by the French impressionist master in a major retrospective at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

"Monet in the '90s" — the 1890s — groups several "series" of paintings Monet intended as testaments to France's vitality at the end of the last century, including his celebrated images of grain stacks, popular trees and the Gothic Cathedral at Rouen.

The series — a number of paintings of the same scene from different perspectives done over a year or two - were executed during a decade that saw the impressionist school, which Monet belped to found, under attack.

Monet, ignoring detractors who regarded him as a has-been, eliminated black and grey from his palette to explore changes in light and atmosphere caused by changes in the hour and season in these series of paintings.

The exhibition, which opened recently and travels to Chicago and London later this year, is the first since Monet unveiled these works to display them io the manner he intended - together.

The show includes a painting of Rouen Cathedral that had gone to a private Paris collection after the artist's death in 1926 and has never been on public

It is one of three works on show for the first time. The exhibition also has five paintings that have oot been seen since Monet first displayed them at the galleries of his Paris dealers, including one from his cliff scene series of the Val Saint-Nicolas at Dieppe.

Another cliff painting, "Customs House at Varengeville," was donated by a private collector who happened to hear that a major moment exhibition was being mounted. It had not been seen since 1905, according to the exhibition's curator Paul Hayes Tucker, and was found in a New York

warehouse. Fifteen of Monei's paintings of grain stacks are togther for the first time in 100 years.

They depict, singly and in Paris, at all hours and in all seasons, the graceful, gently sloped stacks of grain that dotted the French countryside and provided basic subsistence for the country's peasant

It was Monet's wish that his series paintings would be sold together, but individual works were purchased by collectors and were separated until

The paintings were lent from public galleries

Holdup men shoot 2 cops, cabbie TWO Quezon City policemen were wounded when three holdup men shot up the jeepney they were riding after divesting them and their fellow passengers of cash and belongings.

The suspects then shot the driver of the taxi they commandeered to be

sure he won't follow them.

Pfc. Reynaldo Ramos and Pat. Carl Trinidad suffered wounds in the legs while cabbie Gabriel Tuaquoin, 37, took a bullet in the right leg. Witnesses took them to the East Avenue Medical Centre. Police said Ramos and Trinidad were on board a jeepney bound for

Fairview when three men pulled out an Uzi machine pistol, a .45 and a -38 revolver and announced the heist in front of the Veterans Memorial

Police said after taking the passengers, valuables, including the firearms of the policemen, they fired successive shots into the jeepney before jumping off.

After several meters, the suspects flagged down the taxi of Tuaquoin. They got off in front of the Philippine Coconut Administration office along the Quezon Memorial Circle and shot the cabbie before running

Four dynamite fishermen arrested

LEGAZPI CITY: Four illegal fishers were apprehended Friday in Del Gallego town, Camarines Sur by a combined force of policemen and members of the Citizen's Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu).

Del Gallego police chief Sgt Rodrigo Almero identified the suspects as Rodolfo Fabricante, 38, of Barangay San Juan, Leonardo Labanca, 33, of Barangay Sigawsawan, Ireneo Siglos, 27, also of Barangay Sigawsawan, and Sigawsawan, Ireneo Siglos, 27, also of Barangay Sigawsawan, and Allan Tuburan, 17, of Barangay San all of Del Gallego town. Recovered from the suspects were two bottles of a local wine used as

fuel for the improvised dynamite, two pieces of blasting caps, three pieces of igniter pistons, two bancas and four pieces of fishnet.

Lady doctor loses P300,000 to robbers

FOUR heavily-armed men held up a lady doctor Leonida Yap, of 5 Manhugo St., Project 4, Quezon City, at home of some P300,000

yesterday morning in Quezon City.

Armed with 45 pistols and 38 revolvers they ordered her to turn over the P300,000 with which she was supposed to pay some laborers.

Scared that the robbers would finish her off, Yap immediately handed the cash in an attache case.

The suspects then sped off in Yap's car. Police later found the vehicle abandoned in front of Queen's Supermarket along Aurora Blvd., Quezon City.

Police suspect an inside job because the suspects were aware that there was a large sum of money in Yap's home.

8-year-old arrested with pickpocket

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD girl was arrested when she agreed to be a decoy for a pickpocket in Caloocan City.

"Gusto ko kasing makabili ng damit para sa kapatid kong bunso kaya ako napilitang sumama kay Aling Lyn," the girl said when asked why she went with her neighbour Marilyn Vargas, 29, of 128 Smokey Mountain, Tondo.

Vargas shouted at the girl to shut her mouth and refused to talk to

Pfc. Arsenio Nacis said Remedios de Nillo, 40, a teacher, was about to board a jeepney at the corner of EDSA and Gen. Asuncion St., at Morning Breeze Subdivision when Vargas and her male companion

"Taga-gitgit lang ang bata" Nacis said. Witnesses helped De Nilo arrest Vargas.

Investigators said Vargas admitted stealing P300, a school ID and sweepstakes ticket from De Nilo but claimed she passed them on to her companion, one Saya, who escaped.

Youth stabbed over rugby

TACLOBAN CITY: A 13-year-old boy was stabbed and wounded by another youth during a quarrel allegedly over possession of rugby at

Police identified the victim as Florentino Ausa, who sustained a stab wound in the stomach and was treated at the city's St Paul's Hospital. The suspect identified as Robert Baguis, also a resident of Serin District, fled after the stabbing.

Investigation showed that the stabbing was preceded by a quarrel between the two over possession of rugby inside a cellophane.

Castoms robbery denied

A BUREAU of Customs cashier who had been accused of stealing P400.000 from the bureau's treasury during the failed December coup by arrested rebel soldier Lt. Col. Billy Bibit yesterday denied taking the

Oscar Sto. Domingo described Bibit's allegations as 'pure lies' and countered the rebel leader was only making him as a scapegoat. Now on leave, Sto. Domingo said he had submitted himself to National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and customs probers.

He said on Dec 1, the first day of the couptry, he went to the Customs offices and discovered that rebel soldiers had taken over the whole

Tricycle driver shot dead

A TRICYCLE driver was shot dead for refusing to give his tricycle to three unidentified holdup men Sunday afternoon in Barangay Ubihana, Meycauayan, Bulacan.

Police identified the victim as Edwin Santiago, 17, of Barangay Wawang Polo, Valenzuela. He died oo the spot from gunsbot wounds in the head, chest and stomach.

The gunmen took the victim's tricycle, police said. Investigation showed that the three men boarded Santiago's tricycle

m Barangay Wawang Polo and asked him to take them to Barangay Obihan, Meycauayan where he was shot dead.

Three illegal aliens nabbed THE CONSTABULARY has uncovered a syndicate allegedly smuggling "human cargo" to the country using Marinduque as an entry

The discovery was made following the arrest of three Taiwanese escorted by two Filipino contacts on board a pumpboat at a dockyard

in Barangay Kawayan, Mogpog, Marinduque last Thursday night.
Maj. Gen. Ramon E. Montano, PC-INP chief, identified the suspected illegal entrants as Ngo Bin Hion, Day Tiak and Tin Shing Kee. The alleged two Filipino contacts were identified as Rogelio Lim who

served as an interpreter/guide, and Ernesto Montayo who manned the Both are from Batangas City.

The Taiwanese failed to present pertinent papers when arrested hy a police team led by Sgt. Issac de Los Santos of the Mogpog police

The suspects were onboard a pumpboat marked "Sesette" and docked at the seashore of Kawayan, apparently trying to sneak inland. Montano said initial investigation disclosed that the three Taiwanese came from Pintong, Taiwan

They could not present the necessary documents to support their

Shabu pusher falls

A 28 YEAR-OLD man was arrested for selling shabu to a policeman posing as an addict yesterday.

Clemente Lubusta Jr., 28 of 58 Manggahan Floodway, Barangay

Sta. Lucia Pasig sold P300 worth of shabu to Det. Jogo Santiago. Two of Lubusta's companions, businessmen Romeo Velasco, 27, of Mercedes Ave. Barangay San Miguel and Aguelles Villarin, 28, of Dona Juliana, Barangay Sta. Lucia, both in Pasig were then caught sniffing shabu on the second floor of Lubusta's bouse.

Lubusta told Sgt. Roberto Gonzales his shabu came from a certain Leon of Paranaque. He sold some five grams of shabu weekly. Lubusta

Sakla, tupada raid

SOME 100 bettors were rounded up when Quezon City policemen raided an illegal cockfight and a sakla den yesterday morning.

Major Rogelio Rosales said policemen led by Sgt. Jose Gallardo Jr.

swooped down on a compound io Barangay Mendez, Baesa at 10:300

am and seized 17 fighting cocks, sakla cards and other gambling Capt. Arturo Navarette said residents who conducted the illegal

cockfight had sought his permission to raise funds for the construction

Bert Rosales said he does not know who organised the cockfight.

President Aquino is still standing tall

By Yakub Razzaque Arab Times staff

PRESIDENT Corazon C. Aquino of the Philippines still commands support and respect of the majority of the people despite recent political and economic upheavals. 'Cory' as she is popularly known to her countrymen continues to march on relentlessly in her determination to fulfill her promise to the 60. million Filipinos of alleviating poverty and improving the stan-dard of living. While certainly it has been tough going for this petite former housewife. Aquino is more than the head of this coup-prone and impoverished Far Eastern republic, but has become a veritable symbol of democracy, freedom and justice. Whatever her critics may say and there are quite a few, this 'little lady' has succeeded not only in surviving six serious coup attempts to topple her in the last few years, hut has even managed to yield some good results in reviving a fledgling economy by executing a number of well-

timed and positive measures. The past month has been a erucial period for Cory as president. She has gallantly overcome a number of potentially dangerous threats against her and silenced a number of her adversaries and critics by instigating reforms in both the political and economic areas. Her survival and whatever success she has achieved so far must he credited to her loyal group of supporters, the influential Catholic church under Cardinal Sin and perhaps above all to General Ramos, Dofence Secretary, Aquino's most ardent ally and

Lifo goes on in Manila. At least this is what appeared to me during my recent visit to the Philip-

pines. Never has the mood been so buoyant and optimistic as now among the ordinary Filipinos. Having talked to a number of working class Filipinos comprising of taxi-drivers, waiters, bellboys and even prostitutes I have come to the conclusion that the common Filipino wants to just get oo with his life and the business of living. The daily struggle to earn few pesos for meals and to pay for the basic bills is top priority of all Filipinos now. It seemed to be that generally people are siek with pobtics and politicians. Their main concern is to overcome poverty and attaio a reasonably decent standard of living. After a relatively prosperous period during the sixties, when the Philippines ranked as the second richest Far Eastern country after Japan, the abject povorty of today has come about as a big shock. Filipinos are a proud and hospitable race and the current standard of living has dented their spirit and morale to a certain extent.

ship, one thing that never ceased to amaze me and invest a sense of admiration is the way the Filipioos have taken even the worst misfortuoes in their strides, but continue to slog with a perpetual smile -- a hallmark of Filipino national character. Whereever I went I witnessed the gaity of the Filipino character. People, even those in Manile's slums, have not forgotten to smile, laugh or sing. Perhaps the greatest quality of a Filipino is his reluctance to expose his personal problems to foreigners, but to reveal his traditional bospitahle character of sharing and giving, even in a smile. On mere than. one occasioo I was touched by this aspect of Filipino life.

Despite the economic hard-

The whole country seemed to me to wake up gradually from a



President Aquino

nightmare of recent unfortunate events as the ordinary people, the hackbone of people's power revolution of '86, look forward to a new dawn of progress. The new successes of Cory, albeit modest but nevertheless crucial in rokindling confidence and

hope among the coup-weary but hopeful populations, have definitely increased her popularity and given her room to accelerate her economic policies. Cory has attained a measure of success so far following the sixth and most serious coup against ber govern-

ment. Perhaps a leading Manila columnist has rightly said in a recent editorial: "Everytime it takes a coup for Cory to be reminded of her duties". However, to be fair to Aquiao lack of a stable political atmosphere since coming to power has constantly hampered her efforts to push for economic reforms. Today the road towards economic progress, although a daunting one, appears to be elear for Aquino, thanks to a number of recent events.

Perhaps the most welcome news for Cory is the recent capture of Brigadier General Edgardo Abenene, the key rebel leader of last December putch. Abenene's arrest in Quezon City. outside Manila, has given Cory's administration a hig boost as it certainly broke the back of RAM and put to ice at least for the time being any attempts for these at large rebel soldiers to regroup and stage another coup. Even before Abenena's capture, I witnessed that the constant coup rumours prevalent in the country were not taken seriously by most people. The public simply did not care whether another coup took place or not. However, their faith m Cory resigned strong. I sensed by the oumber of conversations I had with people both in Manila and Baguio City, Philippines' summer resort, a lot of Filipinos are not sure whether replacing Cory with totally unknown candidates or even army officers will prove beneficial in the long run. Cory inspires bope, perhaps the only hope for her people. The alternative doesn't look too bright. Most people here are against violent toppling of the government, but believe in the ballot in electing the president.

While it is true that Aquino's administration has been riddled with a number of indecisive

policies and actions - even her most ardent supporters will accept that - the people are willing to give her the chance to better their lives and for this they are ready to put their destiny at her

Cory, on her part seems finally to come out of her shell and defensive posture with a series of quick and decisive sets. Her performance of late has been commondable. The government recently raised the allowances of soldiers intensified infrastructure projects. sent Trade Secretary, Jose Concepcion, to Japan to accelerate Japanese assistance; protested against American foot-dragging under the Shultz-Manglapus 1988 agreement; rearranged its own cabinet: became more active in media; partially alleviated the transporation shortage and has generally addressed the major grievances of the people. The President also visited the impoverished province of Samar and allocated a 25 billion pesos development project for the peo-ple, 77 per cent of whom live

below poverty level.

President Aquino also seems to be in the good books of most of the country's influencial and major English dailies. Most columnists, although not afraid to criticise when it is due, generally paint a favourable even sympathetic picture of Cory. Manila editorials, like the people, are willing to give the little lady the chance to carry out the much needed reforms, particularly in the economic sector.

Meanwhile, business is definitely booming once again in Manila, with new hotels and office blocks under way. The tourists are also coming back slowly and are sure to boost the . country's extremely lucrative tourism iodustry.

Paladin of the law

IMAGINE what a Philippines badly strapped for cash can do with \$14 billion. With it, all its foreign debts could be virtually cut in half. Or the government could operate for one whole year without using a single centavo of the taxpayer's money, meet all the requirements even for meet all the requirements even for maybe P60 billion to spare. That's a lot of money for development: roads, ports and other infrastructure, waher wells, bydroelectric dams maybe. School houses, Medical services, A fraction of it could give us a integrated steel industry. That \$14 billioo is a distinct possibility today, according to Solicitor General Fran-

Where will that \$14 billioo come from? "We've just broken the myth that you can't get anything out of the Swiss banking system," says the Solicitor General. "Lately we've been able to recover some \$2.3 million and turned it over to the President. The account had been opened inthe name of the defunct Philippine Sugar Commissioo. We were able to document this amount as belonging to the Philippine government, so we were able to recover it. Right oow we are following the same procedure to recover something like \$4 million or \$5 million from another account which we cannot disclose as of oow. And then we are expecting the Swiss Federal Supreme Court to sustain the Fribourg decisioos which would mean the remittance of about 17 million francs or about \$54 million to the Philippine government.

"But what intrigues me greatly are some affidavits, firsthand informaooo from persons who made deposits oo behalf of Mr Marcos involving something like \$14 billioo io gold bullions. We have gone to (Switzerland) to verify the facts stated in the affidavits and they turned out to be quite verifiable. So we are oow addressing overfloots to the property ng our efforts to the recovery of this \$14 billioo. And, you know, if we can just recover one half of this I would be ready to tender my resigna-tion."

He probably feels that everything else he does after that would be anu-This, of course, is entirely new.

wealth range from zero to \$10 billion. "Yest, this is an entirely new account," says the Solicitor General. lo fact, in the affidavit of one of the affiants, it was mentioned that Marcos cautioned the person making the deposit never to mention this to imelda or to any of the Romuni-

This was, he explains, the result of parient sleuthing. Since 1987 when he took over as Solicitor General, be says, there has been a watch over the appropriate Swiss baoks for accounts that doo't have any claimants and which bear iodications that they could be Philippine money. We have engaged the services of a recowned lawyer in Zurich." He reveals, "other than the Swiss lawyers we already have. We are working oo this very earnestly."

He is still extremely unhappy with the Swiss banking system and the Swiss judiciary. Whatever money the government got lately was obtained there was already, in the first place, full and unmistakable documentation of Philippine government owocrship. Philippine government money. "I suspect there is a lot of fooling around here," he says of the Swiss bankers and their government. "I don't thick these guys are really serious about returning our money."

Oo his apparent rift with the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) he makes it clear that he is happy with Chairman Mat Caparas and Commissioner Dave Castro, and although he is not happy with some recent develop-meots in the commission, he believes things will greatly improve after the much awaited reorganisation of the agency by President Aquino.

Exciting enough. But the job of the Solicitor General is a great deal more than that, Recently, the President removed the task of prosecuting the criminal cases against her estranged cousio, former Amhassador Eduardo Cojuangco, from the PCGG and the Department of Justice and transferred it to the Solicitor General. More recently, he was tasked to argue before the Supreme Court against the injunction issued by a lower court against the Depart-

sion of Cagayan Governor Rodolfo Againaldo. The High Tribuoal immediately sustained the suspen-sion order, although that may oot he the last we hear of it. He is oow organising a Task Force Coco-Loco that will file cases on what he calls kalokoban in connection with the Cocooot Levy Fund. That may require four lawyers from his own office, three from the National Prosecutors Service, three from the PCGG who will go over 105 folders. It may, he says, result in the filing of 20 cases against former Ambassador Columneco Sen, Juan Ponce Enrile Rep. Clara Lobregat and four other

private individuals. Those are oot easy opponents—does he realise that? "I'll do my level best," he replies, "so that the President will oot he disappointed."

Basically his job is to represent the government and its officials whenever they are sued or want to sue in an official capacity. There are oow about 89,000 such cases involving officials from the President down to the loliest clerk. "When I came in," says Frank Chavez, "I decided to inject a philosophy to the role of Solicitor General. To my mind the rule of law and the interest of government should oot conflict with each other. They must be barmonised and synthesized. A lot of bad law has been inflicted on the Filipino people sim-ply because of the failure or refusal of government lawyers during the time of Marcos to exercise what I call the moral opooo to resist or at the very least obviate an oppressive, unjust, and unlawful official government

posicioo.
"While my office is required by its structure to represent government offices, I have to consider the impact of the case oo the rule of law itself." This is the reason that sometimes he has taken a position quite different from that of the government office concerned. In criminal cases pursued by the government, he does oot mind recommending acquittal when the evidence warrants it. to labour cases, his office is supposed to represent the National Labour Relations Commission, but if he believes the com-mission has erred, he submits a difmission has erred, he submits a dif-fering view through a comment filed with the Supreme Court. And almost always his position has been upheld by the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. "During the time Marcos," he says, "there was this decree that punishes with life impr-isonment or death the mere presence of a person during an opposition. of a person during an oppositio-sponsored demonstration. If t were Solicitor General during that time, I would rather resign than defend that

kind of law."
The Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) is actually the biggest law firm in the country: 134 lawyers each handling between 650 and 700 cases covering a wide range of litigation; labour, civil, criminal, peotions for adoption, eminent domain, taxation. and a host of others. They are guided only by strict adherence to the constitution, the rule of law, and an objective assessment of the evidence. The office used to he under the Department of Justice: since July 1987 when the President issued Executive Order No. 300, it has been an autonomous body - a cooverient arrangement for the exercise of "the moral option." When the Sandiganbayan's decisioo is appealed before the Supreme Court, the Solicitor General defends the Sandigaobayan, but when the PCGG gets an unfavourable resolution from the Sandiganbayan, he finds himself contending with the Sandiganbayan. In a legal fight between the Civil Service Commission and the Bureau of Customs, the OSG sided with the bureao because its positioo reflected

the one policy case that the OSG has lost, oo the other hand it has won at least 42 policy cases, including a legal fight between the President and the Commission oo Appointments, the case questioning the Cordillera Autonomous Region, autober questioolog the validity of the value Added Tax, and the question of the right of former President Marcos to come back home when he was still alive, and then again after he died.

What is giving him a sense of frustratioo these days is the law's delay during litigation. The delay never comes from our side," he says. "The first thing I did when I assumed office was to declare a 30-day emergency period during which all our lawyers had to finish all their overdue pleadhad to linish all their overdue plead-ing before the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. I instituted sanc-tions for delayed pleadings, includ-ings iocludiog suspension of payment of salaries of the offending lawyers, and the possible recommen-dation for dismissal of incorrigible ones. Today we don't have any overdue pleading in this office. We are operating oo a current basis."

Before the end of this administratioon's tenure, he says, he hopes to see judgment rendered by the Sandiganbayan even only in the civil cases, and that the criminal cases against the so-called Marcos cronies are well under way. His fondest hope, however, is that the positions that his office has taken oo legal issues will be seen as auguring well for the rule of law in this country.

Much has been said and written about the suspenders that he loves to

wear how they make him look like Elliot Ness the tough, steel blue-eyed cop who fought the gangaters of the Al Capone cra. Suspenders are sensible accessories — so long as you wear them you will never at caught with your pants down—and in the case of the Solicitor General, they are an elegant way of telling the bad guys that they have a tough customer in him. But the comparison of Ness with Chavez is unfair to the later. The movie portrait of Elliot Ness had oothing but a grim stare. No sens of humour, no romantic optimism that things will turn out well for the people will turn out well for the people he served. On the other hand, when Chavez argues an issue, he furrows his brows int he effort to runmage in his brain for the appropriate legal point, but he also seems to bold back a sportive grin. Here is a man relishing the give and take of legal combat.

There was nothing elegant about the early years of Frank Chavez. The second child in a family of 10 children he sometimes had to mand

dren, he sometimes had to travel home by train from school in the caboose filled with cattle, their sweat steaming in the rough journey; sometimes it rained and the odor that sometimes it rained and the odor that stuck to him afterwards was, naturally, hardly comparable to designer cologue. At a tender age he began fending for himself, and went through college on academic scholarships. He did not have the money to buy a single book, but the law school have to land; he to the law school he went to, luckily has the best law library in this part of the world. ("The UP College of law is the only real law schol around, the rest are imitations," he cracks, trying to sound parochially ferocious.) The first to be at the library in the morning he was also the last to lave it in the evening, that was his routine for four years, then he graduated with honours, then he was a bar topnotcher. And when he was lawyering, he tried to he the kind of lawyer that his idols were: Jose W. Diokno, Lorenzo Tanada, J.h.L. Reyes — all nationalists and human rights advocates. He was therefore, very much involved in the oppositioo agaiost the Marcos

Kristine Garcia looks forward to the 90s

KRISTINE GARCIA looks forward to the new decade with renewed hopes and confidence and enthusiasm. At 19, Kristine has acquired maturity well beyond ber years. She confesses personal and professional crises she faced the past years made ber a stronger person and a better actress. She'd rather not dwell on those heartbreaks, but concedes they

centered on the untimely death of her father, disappointments with her acting career, and a love affair which devastated her selfconfidence. The love affair, now a thing of the past, left her with a love child, a boy whom she adores. Kristine says the boy more than made up for all the burt she suffered.

Kristino hastens to add through that she isn't bitter. She harbours oo ill feelings against anybody. The past decade wasn't exactly fruitless. She was given a chance to topbill a soap opera on TV, "Amorsola." Regal launehed her to stardom io "Exploitation" and "Mortal Sin." But Kristino was simply too young, then only 13 years old, to be playing sexy roles. Still she remains thankful to Regal and Mother Lily Monteverde for the breaks.

She bowed out of the limelight the past few years when she fell in love, not too wisely, the young actress realizes now. Middle of '89 she decided to stage a comeback. She felt she wouldn't be happy cooped up in a gilded

Her ego, her self-confidence slowly returned when the public - fans, producers, directors. fellow stars, the press - met her with open arms.

At least three major studios offered to sign her up, but she opted to make her comeback with Vision headed by Charo Santos-Cencio, who offered her a four-picture contract.

Kristine has started two movies for Vision: "Nagsimula sa Puso" and "Bala at Rosaryo."



Kristine Garcia

"Nagsimula..." a love drama focusing on obsession, also stars Hilda Koronel, Richard Gomez, Cherie Gil, Armida Sigioun-Reyna, Lawrence Pineda, and Jay Ilagan. Mel Chionglo directs based on the story and script by Ricky Lee. "Bala...," an actionromance, has Bong Revine and Kristine playing the title roles. Also in the cast are Eddie Garcia, Efren Reyes Jr., Melissa Mendez, Beverly Vergel Pepe Marcos directs from the original story (serialized in Commander. Komiks) by Pahlo Gomez and script by Meek Roxas.

The two Vision movies will have early 1990 playdates, making Kristine very visible io the months to come. Charo's so impressed with the

rushes of "Nagisimula" and " Bala at Rosaryo" that this early the lady producer's lining up. other important assignments for Kristine, possibly with Boyet de Leon and Vilma Santos. Charo's convinced she has a young Vilma and Lorna Tolentino in Kristine.

"I wouldn't have signed her up and cast her in important projects if I didn't believe in Kristine. I dare say she'll be one of the, big stars if the 90s and Vision is proud to have her as its signature talent," Charo says.

Father dead, son wounded in Tacloban violence TACLOBAN CITY: A widowed father was hacked dead while his teen-age son was wounded seriously when they were attacked by a man who was harbouring a grudge against them last week at the Maharlika

highway in Barangay Abucay in this city.

Police investigators led by Capt. Rafael Riel identified the dead as Melchor Torres of Barangay Palanog here. He sustained multiple hack wounds and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Tacloban City Medical Centre. Seriously wounded was

Leopoldo Torres, also of the same address. He was confined in the same hospital.

The suspect, Oscar Engracial, surrendered to the police with his 23inch long hlade bolo after the incident.

Investigation disclosed that Torres and his son were on their way to the neighbouring Barangay Abucay when they were attacked by Engracial who was armed with a long bolo.

The older Torres put up a fight, but his small bolo was no match for. Engracials 23-inch long bolo.

Vigilante slain

A VIGILANTE was shot dead by two suspected rebel hit men in

Rogelio Lopez alias Boy, 20, of 1735 F. Varona St., Tondo, died stantly from several gunshot wound in the head and body. instantly from several gunshot wound in the head and body. Lopez uncle, whose name was withheld by police, was spared by the

Western Police District (WPD) homicide chief Lt. Gene Javier said Lopez and his uncle were walking oo F. Varona St., when two men blocked their path at about 7 am and one of the men shot Lopezat close range. The other man was lookout.

Javier said Lopez was a member of the vigilante group in Tondo.



Mina Gabor: products, people, places

BREATHLESSLY seeking Mina — is how getting to inter-view Mina Gabor could be des-

Ms Gaboris not in - someone from her office at the Department of Tourism (DOT) says over the phone, adding that she has proceeded to ber other office at the Center for International Trade and Expositions and Mis-

Yes, she was just here, someone from Citem answers, but she has proceeded to the Philippine International Conference Center (PICC) for the dry-run of the DOT's Kalakbay Awards. A call to PICC and one is told, yes, she was in a minute ago hut she has gone on to the Manila Pavilion for a meeting.

Dial, dial and finally Manila Pavilion says Ms Gabos is there and they're calling ber. A not-sobreathless Mina comes to the

An interview? She laughs, is surprised. She rattles off a day, a time, a place — unbeknownst to her secretary. This spells the start of a merry chase. Getting to know Mina means three staccato, ever interrupted interviews
— one at DOT, another at Citem, then at home.

As her name - Mina - suggests, the lady is a minefield of creative energy ever ready to explode. In another sense she's a gold mine of ideas that, if translated into tangibles, could mean added gold — green gold for dollar-strapped Philippines.

Mina wears several hats. A few months ago, President Aquino appointed her Undersecretary of Tourism for Promotions. This, on top of her being the president of Citem, (a position she has held since Citem's beginnings in the Marcos days) and head of the Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation: She also hosts a Sunday (1 to 2 pm) TV Show Export: Made in the Philiprich is the only one of its kind and for which she receives no talest fee. Travels? Plenty of

So how does she pack it all in? She enjoys her work, "When the time comes that I no longer enjoy and derive satisfaction, that means I have tomove onto something else." She says this as she rummages through the ubiquitous basket that is ever by her side, even during long-gown affairs. The basket holds a hundred and one things. She fishes out a headache pill and makes.

known the throhbing in her head. She smiles and mentions two or three tourism-related meetings scheduled for that afternoon. It means, can we resume conversation another time?

A bland and calculating government bureaucrat she is not. Mina has a down-home style in dealing with people. "Titles don't matter to me," she quips. "I could be talking to ordinary people or people in very high positions and they are all the same to me. Remember I used to have my own company where I ahad to deal with all kinds of

people."
Her Sunday TV show is in fact about people, too. It showcases non-traditional export products - from lumpia wrappers and banana leaves to Christmas decor, baby dresses and furniture but Mina always also focuses products. It's like she wants to say - "Look, they did it, you can, 100." The show features unlikely people making unlikely

Her show is in fact interesting not only to exporters and wouldbe exporters, but also to those who simply want to be entertained. One time she guested several young people (in their early twenties) who were exporting frog skins, wood carvings and

"And where is your office?"
Mina would usually ask young
exporters. Almost always they would say they're operating from their parent's home or garage and that they're using the family phone and the family car to push the business. "Aha!" Mina would exclaim and then wonder aloud about the resourcefulness

of young people these days."

A few weeks ago Mina featured a young lady, fresh from college, who had put up her own international cargo handling company. Some episodes would have Mina walking through an antique shop dripping with opulence, other times she would be in a steamy factory for banana chips. During live shows she'd be surrounded by her guests' creations — bags, food preserves, home furnishings, clothing and accessories, baskets, baskets and baskets — all going to foreign lands. How she revels in all this show of Filipino creativity.

But who is Mina, what is she? Her name rang a bell even then, people who hear her name now say. Or, ber face is very

familiar, like she's always been into something.

In her younger days Mma was already in the public eye. She did some modelling, she hosted a TV show for kids for a while, she did some writing, she was into fashion (Mina Gabor label), then into exports. She even worked for the United Nations as consul-

People -- she knew a lot of them. She went to out-of-theway places. She was one of the first to set up a buying office. She was familiar with all kinds of exportables "except the indus-

In 1983, Mina was recruited to head the newly created Citem, a government trade promotions gency under the Department of Trade and Industry. (After four months on the job she launched the first market week which carried garments). This meant goodbye to her family enterprtise and going into public life.

Citem is located at the CCP complex near the Buendia junc-tion. Its exhibit halls permanently showcase Philippine products classified into apparel (garments and textiles, fashion accessories, footwear and leather goods), industrial goods, gifts, toys and housewear, furniture and furnishings, food and plants. Meeting facilities are available for huyers and manufacturers. Citem facilitates purchases and contact with suppliers. It also helps in upgrading products.

Citem also has a showcase at the international airport. Even with the fall of the Marcos dictatorship and the coming to power of the Aquino government, Mina stayed on, although somewhat expecting to go any

"Last year I was thinking of leaving government," Mina says thoughtfully. And then President Aquino called for her to also join the Department of Tourism's promotions programme. This, to Mina, was some kind of assurance that her services were appreciated. "I was happy but the appointment also meant I had to work even barder." The President brought her along during her USS State visit in October last year. Mina was to help push the Philippines' nontradinonal export products.

She dismisses detractors who have said the President bad gone down to the level of a "promo girl" during the US State Visit, Mina would rather get excited



Mina Gabor pushed the Golden Shell awards for exporters: slave and slave drivers

over the fact that in May, J.C. Penny's 1,047 stores will be showcasing Philippine products worth some \$33 million.

Mina means projects, projects, projects. Her peak — 56 projects in 52 weeks of the year. Projects consist of market weeks, setting up committees for product selecnon, trade fairs, seminars for exporters, and so many others. Her new tourism post means even more projects of a different type. But, she explains, tourism is very much interlinked with exports. Buyers come and they not only look at products, they

also go to the places where these things are made. They explore. So how does Mina get to do all her interweaving jobs? Delegate. delegate, delegate, is her answer. "I plan very rightly. I'm very project-oriented and so I know how to get people moving. It's human nature — people want to show they can be left alone to do things. It is only at critical points that I come in. Like if a project involves a videotaped show then really sit down to preview it." A slavedriver, her secretary at Citem fondly describes her.

Through the years Mina has learned other things necessary for selling. "Colors are very important, Even if your product is good, if your color is wrong, you cannot sell. Lighting for the displays is also important."

Citem has product consultants who are foreigners to advise Filipino suppliers about market

requirements abroad.

Mina's public life intrudes even into her private life. "I always have a notebook and pen besides my bed. When I have ideas I get up and write them down so I don't forget."

Not very long ago Mina sort of huckled down under the pres-sures of work. "I almost died. My blood pressure shot up and I lost consciousness." Every now and then Mina has to reach for her basket for a pill or two.

There have been work-related emotional lows too hut she'd rather not dwell on them. All she will say is that one time it was so bad even her husband Joe was affected and she had to down a tranquilizer, "I slept through it like a bahyand when I woke up in the morning there was Joe still pacing beside me, so distraught, saying, 'Of all people, why does it have to be you they'd do this to? He hadn't slept a wink and I felt so sorry for him.

Mina describes her husband as "very supportive" of everything she does. "I first check out my ideas with him. He keeps my feet on the ground. Of course, we also disagree a lot. But he listens and when there are problems, he tells me, 'It's not as bad as you think.

From the provinces

LEGASPI CTTY: Brig. Gen Marino Filart, Bicol PC-INP chief, has filed a P4-million libel suit against Sen. Ernesto Maceda with the office of the

city prosecutor.

The libel case arose from a news report beadlined "That's why PC brass were left out of national police -Maceda.

In his two-page complaint filed with the office of City Prosecutor Vicente Peralta, Filart stated that Maceda was quoted as saying "the Senate de-liberately excluded PC generals from the proposed Philippine National Police mainly because of their illegal activities."

"Let them retire and enjoy their loot," Maceda was quoted in the the news report as saying.

The complaint said Maceda was also quoted as saying "the PNP should be spared from graft and corruption." He was ohviously referring to the PC generals as grafters, Filart said. Filart said in his complaint that Maceda's statements

conveyed the false public impression that he (Filart) is a "looter, grafter or corruptor involved in illegal gambling, drug trafficking and coddling of criminal syndicates."

BALANGA. Bataan: A military commander attributed the other day the reverses suffered by the New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas in Bataan to the change in the attitude of the people towards the com-

manist movement. Lt Col Ramsey Ocampo, Bataan PC-INP commander, said the people have come to realize that their long years of silence and apathy towards the government's campaign against the communist rebels have not done them and the country, in particular, any good.

Ocampo said that tips by "concerned citizens" to the military about the presence of NPA terrorists in their villages in the past several months had resulted in the capture or surrender of many of the rebels. Those who ebose to fight were killed, be

He lauded concerned citizens for their assistance and patriotism. He expressed hopes that they will continue to support the government's campaign against the com-

Ocampo said that the military cannot bope to pul an end to the insurgency problem unless it enjoys the people's support. The military cannot win the fight against the NPA rebels through the "barrel of a gun," the Bataan PC-INP commander said.

FORT SAN FELIPE, Cavite: A commander of one of the biggest facility of the Philippine Navy has warned that if a coup d'etat succeeds, there wil be more eoup attempts after that.

He said that the government that will surface after the coup will be a "junta" or a group that will later climinate each other with the strongest becoming the "strong-

man" or "dictator." The warning was echoed by Navy Captain Antonio Suratos, commander of Naval base Cavite, as he leads his officers and men, and civilian personnel, in pledging allegiance to the

constitution. Suratos, who is also deputy commander of the Philippine Fleet, cited the experience of Argentina under Juan Peron where on conp succeeded another attempt for years. "And because of the situation, that nation still suffers at present," he said.

He appealed to his officers and men, including the civilians, to always maintain high degree of professionalism "so they can always protect their sworn duties of protectingl the Filipino people and the country."

QUEZON CITY: Four gunmen claiming to be members of the New People's Army (NPA) liquidation team shot to death a contract worker apparently mistaken for a Quezon City barangay chairman marked for assassination by communist "hit men.

Police identified the victim as Wilfredo Dimaano, 38, of 42 Ubudan St., barangay Manresa, QC. He suffered bullet wounds at the back of the head, nape, and left side of the body.

Probers said Dimaano. a contract worker who is on vacation, was mistaken by his assailants as barangay

captain Saturnino Paras of Manresa. Dimaano and Paras have striking facial resemblance. Dimaano was walking along Tindalo St. barangay Manresa at about 8.30 am yesterday when the four unidentified men, armed with .38 and .45 caliber hand guns, shot him

at a close range. Witnesses told probers that the killers pumped in bullets into Dimaano even as he lay mortally wounded by the first sbot fired by one of

BINONDO: A young husinessman engaged in selling of ladies wrist watches was found dead in his room in a Binondo condominium on Asuncion St. Binondo.

Cpl Chit Santos, inves-tigator of the Western Police District's (WPD) homicide section, identified the slain husinessman as Howard Tan, 24. The body bore mulriple stah wounds. It was found inside his room at 414 on 4th floor of the Jespajo Realty Corp. condominium.

His room was in total disarray. His money and other personal belongings were missing. Police found hundreds of female wrist watches in the room.

Witnesses told police that Tan and the assailant had a heated argument inside the room. They later heard the victim screaming. They later saw the attacker hurriedly leaving the room,

Meanwhile, two female pushers from Isabela were arrested by a special team of the WPD thest and robbery section during a routine check on C.M. Recto Ave. in Tondo, Manila.

Capt. Nilo Jambalos, chief of the section, identified the two suspects as Lydia Cardo, 42, and Nena Tuclin, 40, both of Alicia, Isabela. Police seized from them two cartons of dried marijuana leaves worth P500,000.

The two said they bought the prohibited leaves in Isabela and were about to deliver to a certain "Roy Sanchez" in Pasay City.

MARIKINA: Two persons were killed while 18 others were burt in two vehicular accidents in Marikina, Metro Manila. Police identified the

fatalities as Raymond Vergara, one year old; and Brigida Lastimosa of Montalban, Rizal.

In the first incident, a cargo truck bearing license plate PBB 706 lost its break, causing a four-vehicle coll-

Reports reaching the pobce said that the cargo truck bumped a Lancer car. a taxi cab, a delivery truck and a dump truck when it went out of control.

The delivery truck with plate number PLD-318 plowed through the nearby shanties, killing Vergara and mjuring several others.

Among those injured were as Fortunata Agudo, 21; Julieta Valejo, 26; Renato Vallejo, 8; Micheal Vergara, 33; Reyco Lusong, 23; Ana Patron, 23; Anabel Patron, one-year old; Jose Aligue, 19; and Anthony Alisara, 2. They were taken to the Quirino Memorial Hospital in Quezon City for treat-

The drivers of the dump truck and the delivery truck escaped after the incident. Several hours later, Las-

timosa was killed when she, along with her four-year-old daughter, Janice and her mother, Maria, 69, were hit hy an Isuzu dump truck along J. Rizal corner Lapu-Lapu St. in Concepcion,

All of them were rushed to the E. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital. Two of them survived.

Juanito Rada, driver of the dump truck, said that he accidentally hit three while crossing the street early yesterday morning. Rada is now detained at

the Marikina police headquarters bomicide thru reckless imprudence.

MANILA: Manila Mayor Gemiliano C. Lopez Jr, has approved an ordinance prohibiting cargo/hauler trucks, including garbage trucks, from passing city streets without "protective covers." This was learned from

Councilor Flaviano P. Concepcion Jr, main author of the measure now known as City Ordinance No. 7721. Concepcion said the new

law will take effect on Feb 4, one month after its approval by Mayor Lopez who signed

it into law.

Concepcion, who belongs to the LDP, said that violators of the ordinance are to be penalized with imprisonment for not less than 30 days or more than six months or a fine of P1,000 or both depending upon the diserction of the court.

The Tondo Alderman stressed that both the drivers of uncovered trucks or vehieles and their owners are subject to penalties.

Other co-sponsors of the ordinance were Councilors Ernesto C. Dionisio, Francisco G. Varona, Jr, Ma. Corazon R. Caballes, Juho E. Logarta, Jr and siz other aldermen.

MANILA:Manila cilor Nestor C. Ponce, Jr. (LP, second district) assailed yesterday the proliferation of motels, beerhouses, fun and game houses near schools in Violation of existing city ordinances.
Ponce said that city ordin-

ances prohibit the operation of motels, and other fun houses within 200 meters from schools, church and public buildings.

He called on city hall officials to close the motels, beer houses and other fun houses near schools violating city ordinances.

Ponce said one each motel operates across Far Eastern University in Morayta and another in the second floor of the University of the East commercial center

There are hundreds more of similar establishments fronting as lodging inns including beer, disco houses, billiard and computer games within a walking distance from schools which should be closed immediately as they disturb or distract students from their studies and contribute to their moral decay," Ponce said.

I wonder why these establishments continue to exist when City Hall could easily cancel or deny annual renewal of their business permits for violation of city ordinances," he said.
"I challenge Mayor Lopez

to take the necessary action and to relieve city officials responsible for these apparent dereliction of

duty," Ponce said. The Tondo alderman also appealed to Mayor Lopez and Western Police Superintendent Col. Earnesto Diokno to immediately stop the publication and circulation and prossecute the publishers of a number of daily tabloids for insering "bed

CAMP BAGONG DIWA, Bicutan, Tagig, Metro Man-ila: Brig. Gen. Alexander P. Aguirre, P.C. Capital Regional Command (Capcom) chief and Metropolitan Police Force (MPF) director, stressed to policemen yesterday that lawmen are not supposed. to be implementors of penal laws because their task is to prevent the occurence of

time stories" in their publica-

tions to attract readers.

This was stressed hy Aguirre during a visit to various police stations. He said that policemen shouldact as peace officers and "not as judges."
"File the cases against the

violators. Then it will be the court system that will do the implementation of the penal laws," Aguirre said.
The Capcom chief pointd

out to law enforcers that they should take pride in wearing their uniforms.

"If you are proud of your uniform, then you are proud of your profession. Act with dignity in the presence of the public hy wearing proper uniform," he said.

COTABATO CITY: (Reuter): Muslim separatists denied involvement in Sunday in the murder of a Swiss Red Cross official and a Filipino companion in Mindanao and pledged to help the military capture the killers.

An army commander in Maguindanao province, where Walter Berweger and his Filipino driver were gunned down in an ambush on Friday, said initial investigation showed the victims were shot by a group of teenage boys demanding money.

"We are rvolutionaries and we will never allow any kind of offense against non-combatants, especially Red Cross workers," Muslim rebel leader Muslimen Sema said. "We will, in this instance,

help our enemy (the Philippine military) run after the killers for the justice of the slain Red Cross people," Sema said in a statement released here.

Miss Saigon in Europe



READERS have been asking for the latest oo the Filipino talents in the Miss Saigon musical, so here's an

The musical is now the top show in London. However, it may not get to New York until 1991, due to the unavailability of a theater large

enough to accommodate the complex production.
All of the Filipinos may be asked to extend their contract with the London show for six more months.

Auditions for new talents will be

held in Manila in February. Around the middle of that month, the cast album of the musical will be available, so new talents will have an easier time in the auditions because they will be able to hear the pieces that they are being considered for, unlike the members of the first cast, who had to audition "blind", without knowing what the producers were looking

Thus, we can expect more Filipinos being able to meet the vocal and acting standards required by the musical's Asian leads, so there could be new Kims. Thuys and other principal Vietnamese characters coming from the talents who join the latest round of auditions.

The thing, of course, is for the new auditionees to use the LP just as a guide as to the vocal and emotional levels required by the parts, and not to copy the vocal performances of Lea and the musical's other leads. particular performer's temperament and personality so the "attack" lowards the role should vary from

one talent to another. is there life after Miss Saigon? In other words, what happens to the Filipino talents after all of the extensions, etc.? That question is answered in a very heartening way by this piece of good news: Some Filipinos in Miss Saigonhave auditioned for a production of the famous musical, The King and I, which will go on a performance tour of Europe, and, of the five talents who auditioned, three clin-

whed big roles in the show. We are not at liberty yet to identify them, pending resolution of contracis, etc., but we can say that one of them got the role of Lun Tha, another has been asked to play the maiden he loves, and the third talent is being asked to understudy the role of Lady Thiang, the King's first wife.

Mr Irony' of Philippine sports

By Recah Trinidad JAIME SEBASTIAN of the Southeast Asia, lives in a country with one of the weakest econ-

omies in the region. Isn't that odd? The reigning super superheavyweight weighlifting champion in the Southeast Asian Games can hardly afford his breakfast. That makes him a sporting

oddity. Or, because be happens to be the finest iron pumper this side of the globe, Sebastian could readily be tagged (excuse the pun) as Mr Irony. But don't langh now.

full 270 pounds, baby-faced and with the charm of a gentle giant, eats a hreakfast enough to feed two families. His regular morning pre-workout fuel consists of at least a

Sebastian, 33, five-foot-nine, a

dozen fresh eggs, two liters of fresh fruit juice, a loaf of bread, and some hutter, please. Now, if you think that's enough hreakfast for three families, pardon the weightlifting champ because, he says, he could add at least six more fresb eggs and more fresh juice when he's priming for a big competi-tion, like the SEA Games or the Asiad. At the moment, Jimmy swears he's just something like 65

to 70 per cent into training.

Jimmy works out in a decrepit, half-lit gym at the Rizal Memorial complex, pumping and pressing rusty barbells which have visibly surpassed their years

"Panahon pa'to ni Mike Keon." Jimmy assesses the rusty, battered weights loosely latched

onto a shaky stand. In a way, Jimmy is saying that Philippine sports cannot afford itself. And, although he doesn't say it, Jimmy is one of the victims of the neglected sports programme.

A country's economy is usually reflected in its sports programme. So a truly faithful picture of the state of Philippine sports should be Jimmy Sebastian, his face lightess. having a breakfast consisting of a plate of bumble rice, on tuyo (dried fish), with only a glass of water to push

the poor man's meal down. Now, if you think that's rather exaggerated, wby net try and find out bow much Jimmy earns and how much he spends for his training food alone.

Other than a wbopper of a breakfast, Jimmy has to regularly feast on a lunch consistmg of no less than one and a half

kilos of lean meat, eight potatoes, rice and salad. If there's no meat available be reluctantly settles for at least two chickens - a poor substitute, be

SWCALS. The champ sort of slows down and takes a bight dinner: three medium-sized fish, three

potatoes, milk, no rice. Doing some impromptu accounting, Jimmy says his breakfast, compulsory vitamins, lunch and dinner, excluding that of his wife, a physical education teacher at the Colegio San Agustin in Makati, run up to a little over P250 a day, medyo tipid pa.

All in all, these add up to some-thing like P5,000 a month. And his monthly salary as a master sergeant in the Philippine Air Force department of special

services?
"My basie pay," explains
Jimmy wanly as he wipes sweat off his mountain of a shoulder, is P2,350. Plus a little all-

owance, I get a total of P4,000 a month. And his food expenses alone, not to mention those for house rent, elothing, and other neces-sities, total P5,000! Jimmy, still childless, is a big

loser any which way you read his impromptu computation. But be's taking everything with a shrug of his powerful shoulders. There's no backing out at the moment. He has been winning the gold medals as a super superheavy weight in the Southeast Asian Games since 1977 and, much as he had tried, he cannot see his possible successor at the moment. Or for the next five vears to come.

Now, doesn't that project him as a super sucker, a sort of native Hercules patiently pushing back the sky, because nobody else is capable of perpetuating the

godly act? Jimmy promises to hold on, ward off the ever-growing threat of power lifters from Burma, Indonesia, Thailand and Malayasia, for as long as he can. "It's a heroic gesture, to say

the least, for the one-time foot-

ball aspirant from Zamboanga

who was forced off the playing

turf after his doctors discovered

rheumatie beart, aggravated by

He doesn't say it, but his selfless dedication to weightlifting could be his way of saying thank you to the sport that saved his life and turned him into a modestly celebrated macho machine. Warned never, never to try any strennous activity, Jimmy, only 17, sneaked out and started working out in a weightlifting gym upon the advice of his uncle, sportsman Fahian Bucoy. Jimmy worked tentatively, lif-

ting light loads, no more than 70 pounds, mainly meant for progressive resistance training (PRT). He did this for one whole month. He next visited his doctor who, upon diagnosing that the rheumatic beart had healed, told Jimmy he should be thankful that he followed instructions and did not do any physical training. Amused, Jimmy had to make a real effort not to laugh. He walked quietly out of the clinie straight back into the gym. He has never ceased to pump weights since.



Jimmy can jerk a lotal of 190 kilos, a weight that would require live average men to hoist.

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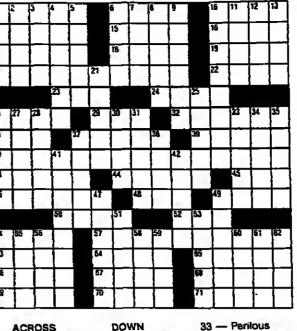
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Opening lead: King of & When you speak of a falsecard, many players look for something dramatic, such as dropping a guarded king under an ace to induce a shift. Those plays turn up infrequently, and are often missed at the

ten sneak by unnoticed. trump despite possession of a fourcard major. With a perfectly bal- establish tricks.

quently, and are so simple they of-

Neither vulnerable. South deals. anced hand and, hence, no ruffine value, the consensus is to foren probing for a 4-4 major fit in favor of the value bid, although not all players agree with that approach.

This hand is from a pair tournament. Some declarers won the ace of clubs and, since they needed a second club trick to make the contract. returned the suit. When East showed out on the second round; West shifted to the jack of spades and the defenders were a tempo ahead. They had to come to two spade tricks and three club tricks before declarer could reel in nine

Other Souths followed with the deuce of clubs to the first trick, Some Wests continued clubs to allow declarer to get home; most shifted to a spade for down one.

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One small group of declarers fulfilled the contract in every case. These were those who played the seven of clubs to the first trick, concealing their two lower clubs. Each table. But there is a whole gamut of West presumed that East's eight of clubs was a come-on signal, so they deceptive maneuvers that occur frenever even considered a spade switch. The club continuation was Note North's jump to three no taken with the ace and a club back put declarer ahead in the race to







Nothing will be quite as it seems to be. For that reason, too, keep your eyes and ears wide open. You would be wrong to engage in any kind of adventure involving a married party. Be less extravagant.



Something you have not been able to do for some time will now once again become possible. Try to avoid making noise or exposing yourself to it. Do not inhibit your emotions oor allow them quite free rein. Be considerate.



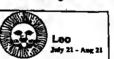
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You will be able to find a better way of dealing with an abiding problem. However, plenty enough difficulties remain and you should not try to gloss over them. Do not place too much reliance on your memory, make notes. Be sensible.

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You must concentrate hard and not permit yourself to be distrac-ted. And avoid trying to do two or more things at the same time. You should try hard to control a craving for sweet things. Be trustworthy.



Avoid making up your mind on the spur of the moment, but nor should you avoid making up your mind at all. Mistakes are more likely so be on the lookout for them. Take the best possible care of your health. Be fair.



Something you had been awaiting will now arrive, but it will not come up to expectations. Your lucky numbers are 17 and 34. Take the opportunity to show your chil-dren a good example. Avoid going to extremes or exaggerating. Be objective.



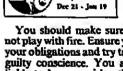
You are far too liable to jump to conclusions. Try to maintain a bet-ter balance between reason and emotions. It will well repay you to make a few concessions. Be pune-



You should not rely too much oo others and more on your own endeavours. You would do well to question something you have assumed to be right.



You would do well to drink a little more sparingly and to smoke less heavily. And if you do neither are you sure you have no other had habits? Take a little more interest in what interests your partner. Be



You should make sure you do not play with fire. Ensure you meet your obligations and try to avoid a guilty conscience. You are more liable to lose or mislay things, so watch out especially. Be sincere.

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If you are going to an interview or conference make sure you are to properly prepared: no need to get the flustered. You should make sure do you do oot place too much reliance on gossip or rumour. Take better

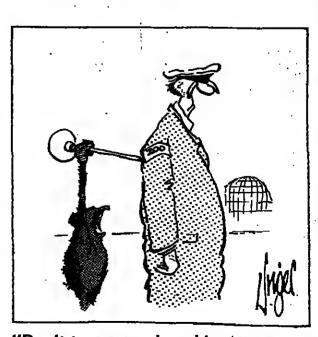


Not everything will be to your bliking, but do make the best of that which is. And do remember that virtually oothing is ever quite ideal.

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E. German athletes

EAST BERLIN, Feb 10. (Reuter): East Germany's world-beating ath-letes will wear kit emblazoned with advertising alogans for the first time when they compete at a six-country indoor event in Paris.

Stadier leads

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Feb 10, (Reuter): Craig Stadler shot a fiveunder par 67 and moved into the lead at halfway mark of the \$1 million Hawaiian Open golf tournament with a total of six-under par 138 yes-

Caiamati wins

ZARAGOZA, Spain, Feb 10. (Reuter): Italy's Efren Calamati retained his European light welterweight title when he defeated Carlos Sole of Spain on points today in this northern Spanish city.

French team

AGEN, France, Feb 10, (Reuter): French Rugby Union selector Jean-Pierre Bastiat called yesterday for captain Pierre Berbizier and fullback Serge Blanco to be axed from the

Beigian tourney

MILAN, Italy, Feb 10, (AP): ATP officials in Milan announced yesterday that Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany and Emilio Sanchez of Spain will substitute for Stefan Edberg and Jimmy Connors in the Belgian Indoor Championship that begins in Brussels on Monday.

Fight postponed

MARACAY, Venezuela, Feb t0, (Reuter): Venezuelan boxer Jesus 'Kiki' Rojas has postponed his first World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight title defence against South Korean Lee Yul-Woo until March to the MERA with restrictions of the control of the Merange of the Control of to, the WBA said yesterday. injury jinx

CINCINNATI, Feb 10, (AP): Welterweight boxer Tommy Ayers is to mount a ring comeback from prison. Ayers strained ligaments in his left hand, forcing the cancellation of his Feb 20 light with Glenwood Brown for the US Boxing Association welterweight championship.

Berger upset

GUARUJA, Brazil, Feb t0, (AP): Argentine Eduardo Bengoechea stunned top-seeded Jay Berger of the United States with a 7-5, 6-0 victory yesterday in the \$150,000 Chevrolei Classic tennis tournament.

Aiax defeated

AMSTERDAM, Feb 10, (Reuter): Ajax Amsterdam's recent League resurgence was halted yesterday by a 1-0 defeat at mid-table MVV Mass-Colombian team

BOGOTA, Feb 10, (Reuter): Colom-

bia's cational soccer team will resume training for the World Cup, lifting a suspension imposed earlier this week after death threats from an anti-drug group seeking to 'cleanse' domestic soccer, the team trainer said yesterday. All-seater stadium

COPENHAGEN, Feb 10, (Reuter):

Denmark is to get a new national soccer stadium in Copenhagen, the country's first all-scater ground, by stadium is to be built on the site of the present ground by a financial services company who will also put up three office buildings on the land to finance the 400 million crown (\$60 million)

Tauziat triumphs

WICHITA, Kansas, Feb to, (AP): No. t seed Nathalie Tauziat of France advanced to the semifinal round yesterday with quarterfinal round yesterday with quarterfinal victory over Manon Bollegraf of the Netherlands in the \$150,000 Breyers Tennis Classic.

Czech triumphs

GSTAAD, Switzerland, Feb t0, (AP): Frantisek Jez of Cze-cholovakia posted leaps of 80 and 85 metres (262 and 278 feet) yesterday to win a World Cup ski jumping meet. Doping charges

WEST BERLIN, Feb to, (AP): The doctor of East Germany's bobiled team yesterday denied allegations that star driver Wolfgang Hoppe and other team members regularly took anabolic steroids. Dr Wolfgang Sch-neider said in an interview with the West German sports news agency Sid that the allegations were "malicious

Romanian gets \$100,000 bonus

Melinte breaks record

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., Feb 10, (Reuter): Doina Melinte of Romania lowered her world standard for an indoor mile yesterday and also likely improved her standard of living by collecting a \$100,000 bonus for her

Melinte, breathing down the neck of pace-setter Brit Lind-Peterson of Canada for the first half-mile, responded to the cheers of a crowd of 12,161 by finishing in four minutes, 17.13 seconds — more than a second and a half better than the 4:18.86 mark she set here two years ago.

"I'm very, very happy, "said the lanky Melinte, a two-time world indnor champion and fnrmer Olympic gold medallist after her victory at the Meadowlands

Invitational Indoor Athletics Meeting. The Romanian also was credited with breaking the 1,500-metres indoor mark with a time of 4:00.27. Melinte, who said she was in

good shape because of prepara-tions for the European Champinnships, said political changes in her homeland would allow her to keep her winnings instead of just a small share.

American Alisa Harvey fini-

shed second to Melinte more than 13 seconds behind, with Soviet Svetlana Kitova taking Peter Ellintt of Britain came

up a bit short in his pursuit of a mile record and a matching \$100,000 bonus. The new 1,500 metres Com-monwealth ebampion from

O'Sullivan, who trailed far behind in 3:58.44. Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan set the mile mark of 3:49.78 seven years ago on the fast, steeply-

Britain finished in 3:52.02 to win

the race over Irishman Marcus

banked Meadowlands track. A\$50,000 bonus for an indoor best in the 600 yards also went unclaimed in a clash-marred, fnur-man race won by sole survivor Butch Reynnlds in 1:10.36 seconds — nearly three seconds off the 1970 mark set by Martin McGrady.

Antonio Mckay and lan Morris crashed after colliding on the first turn of the last lap and Danny Harris, the apparent winner, was later disqualified for causing McKay's fail.

a former West German skier. The Women's International

Tennis Association said in

Miami that Graf had withdrawn

from the Virginia Slims of

Florida tournament at Boca

The hurdles races wound up as a tale of two streaks.

Two-time Olympic champion Roger Kingdom snapped a longstanding losing streak by winning the 55-metre hurdles in a brisk 7.00 seconds over fellow-Americans Tony Dees and Arthur Biske.

Kingdom had never before won an indoor race in the New York area, coming up short in at least 12 races by his own count dating back to 1984.

"I guess I finally broke the

streak. It feels great," said Kingdom, clearly pleased by his smooth start in the race. "It's like going In the Olympic Games and Imally winning a big one."

Kingdom's big challenge did not come as expected from Ren-aldo Nehemiah and Greg Foster, who finished fifth and sixth. Dees was second in 7.05 and blake third in 7.09.

While Kingdom ended one streak, Lavonna Martin extended her own as she beat double Olympic champion Jackie Joyner-Kersee in the women's 55-metre burdles for the third straight time this indoor season.

Martin, twice a US national collegiate champion and a Panam Games gold medallist, clocked 7.45 to overtake Joyner-Kersee, who timed 7.51 along with Kim McKenzie.

"Aside from making the 1988 Olympic team, this is right up there among my career achievements," said Martin, who is hoping to peak by this summer's Goodwill Games.

Tadena gets



Martin (near) clears the hurdle just ahead of Joyner-Kersee to win the race. (Reuter wirephoto)

Evergreen triumph

EVERGREEN registered two wins in GCL Division 'A' League matches at the EPI ground oo Friday. In the morning, Prince Cluh was brushed aside by 127 runs and in the

afternoon Falcoo Cluh managed to gather just half of the squad thus giving walk-over. In the morning Evergreen captain
Asad Baig won the toss and elected to
bat through Shahid Maqbool and
Suhail Asad. Although wickets kept

falling at regular intervals, Evergreen reached 209 for seven in 27 overs. Qayyum Majeed played the leading role by cracking disciplined 68 runs including a sixer and four boundries. Shehzad 42 (three boundries) and Suhail Asad 33 (four fours) were

other batsmen to strike.

Waqar Zaidi put up quick 24
before running himself-out. For
Prince, Naseem and Asad bagged
two wickets each with Shafique and
Aslam picked a wicket apiece.

Prince required 7.77 per over but Baber Chaudhry in his new role of

Asad Baig

opening bowler removed Shahid and then Ishfaq was despatched by Arshed Pindiwal. Asad Baig realising the weather may get worst any time went for quick wickets and made timely chaoges. Wheo he introduced himself, Asad bowled Nascem and his name-sake Asad on consecutive balls and he was once again on hat-trick as he accounted

again on hat-trick as he accounted for his counterpart Shafique and Aslam oo two balls.

Although Asad again could not get his hat-trick, he had his fifth scalp by shattering the stumps of Khalid. In between youngster Fawaz had two wickets in an over costing just five runs. Asad Baig returned figures of five for 23 runs.
Prince were all-out in 16 overs for

82 runs and ironically three brothers Ishtiaq (29), Shahbaz (17) and Ishfaq (14) were the only batsmen to reach the double figures. Next Friday Ever-green face Lanka Colts in the afternoon. In their next round of the League.



Qayyum Majeed

Agassi sails through

Agassi's baseline game and passing shots were too strong for the net-rushing Annacone whose chip-and-charge tactics made him an easy target at the net. The flamboyant Agassi, ranked eighth in the world, needed a single break in the fifth game to seize the advantage in the first set, eventually winning it 6-2 when Annacone, seeded eight, netted a

then was broken again by an Agassi passing shot as the second seed took a 4-1 lead. Annacone had chances to break Agassi at 5-2 by charging to net on every return, forcing errors from the Agassi passing shots. But two opportunities went by an Agassi held on for the match, winning 6-2 with a backhand pass down the line.

Van Rensburg and Grabb, both serve and volleyers, fought through

returns by Grabb gave the American the edge and he won the match in the tiehreaker on his second match point, 8-6 with a forehand pass return down the line

The seedless top half of the draw will feature Americans, Todd Witsken and Joey Rive in the other semifinal. Witsken upset seventh-(seeded American Richey Reneberg 7-6 6-4 while Rive beat unseeded another American, Jimmy Arias, 2-6 6-4 6-2.



Agassi: had an easy match

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 10, (Reuter): Second-seed Andre Agassi advanced to the semifinals with a straight-sets victory over fellow-American Paul Annacone 6-46-2 in the \$225,000 San Francisco Men's

Tennis Championships yesterday.

Agassi was to face fifth-seeded American Jim Grabh in today's semifinals. Grabh upset fourth-seeded South African, Christo van Rensburg 4-6 6-2 7-6 in an earlier quarterfinal.

"He started off serving big and I started returning well and it was sort of a snowball effect that rolled my way," Agassi said.
"I gave myself a few chances." Annacone said." But the top guys always play much better when they're ahead."

three close sets in a contest to dominate the net. In the end, a few key

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Lendl blasts Courier for semifinals

World No. 1 to play in Prague

MILAN, Italy, Feb 10, (Reuter): Top seed Ivan Lendl breezed past Jim Courier 6-2 6-4 to reach the

Lendi looked sluggish at the start and dropped the first two games to the hard-hitting American. But the Czechoslovak world number nne then recled nff six straight games as Courier committed a

semifinals of the ATP Grand Prix tennis tour-

flurry of unforced errors. Cnurier stayed even in the second set until Lendl cracked a backhand passing shot for a service break in the seventh game.

"He hits the ball very hard. If he's nn, he can be tough." Lendl said after the match. Lendl was to face unseeded Pete Sampras in this

eveniog's semifinals. Sampras and fifth-seeded fellow American Tim Mayotte advanced to the last four after winning

tough three-set matches. Sampras, 18, nutlasted Czechosinvakia's Mīlan Srejber 6-7 (7-9) 6-46-4. Mayotte and Jakoh Hlasek battled for nearly three bours before the American prevailed 7-5 6-7 (2-7) 7-5.

Mayotte cut a slicing backhand service return past Czechoslovak-born Swiss Hlasek to snare a crucial service break in the 10th game of the third set and then held serve to complete the victory.

American John McEnroe, playing in his first tournament since his default in the Australian Open, overwhelmed West German Eric Jelen 6-3 6-3. McEnroe has beaten semifinal opponent

Lendl said yesterday he would return in his native Czechoslovakia this month for the first time since 1984 and play an exhibition match against com-

Mayotte five times in his career and lost once.

Lendl told journalists he would play the exhibi-tion on February 27 for the benefit of a children's fonndation. "With the recent (political) changes, it's very nice to be able to an back... it will be a pleasant

patriot Miloslav Mecir in Prague.

experience," he said. Lendl, world number one, said he had been asked by Czechoslovakia's Civie Fnrum to play the exhibi-tion match, adding that he expected to receive a

warm reception. All the tremendous fans who stood behind me during the hard years deserve a chance to see me

Lendl said he expected to remain in Prague only far one day because of other exhibition commit-ments but planned to visit his parents, who live in

He was born in the corthern town of Ostrava and took up residence in Connecticut in 1984. Lendi said he would continue to seek US citizen-

ship, which he hopes to obtain by April 1992.
"I'm married to a US citizen and plan to live in the Lendl said he was unlikely to play Davis Cup this

year for Czechoslavakia because of other tour and exhibition commitments. "I can't play in 1992 so I don't think it would be

worth it in play for just nne year," he said. Lend! said on Thursday he would not play in the ATP tournament in Prague. "It is on clay, it's a very small tournament, and it comes at the wrong time."

"If it were a few weeks before the French Open I might play it, but it comes before the US Open and I will not cross the ocean just to play there.'

McEnroe in action against Jelen. (Reular wirepholo)

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Grand Slam tournaments -Graf was in St Moritz filming a

Wimbledon and the Australian, Frenchand US Opens. Last year, she was upset in the French final by Spain's Arantxa Sanchez, but part in a movie, "Fire, ice and

dynamite," according to Phil de Picciotto, her agent, who also

ing for the French Open, accord-Raton. Florida and the Intering to West German television. national Players Championships If Graf missed the French at Key Biscayne, Forida. Open, which starts May 28, she would lose the chance of winning

her second Grand Slam. In 1988, Graf swept the four

Graf surgery uncertain

Heidelberg haspital who examined Graf, said that without

surgery Graf could be sidelined

for up to six weeks, but that she

would be fit in time to start train-

won the other three titles. said she fell while trying to elude photographers. The movie is being produced by With Bogner, Graf is the fourth player in the women's top 15 to be injured during the first five weeks of the

Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, ranked third in the world, defaulted a match during the Australian Open because of an ankle sprain. Mary Joe Fernandez, No7, withdrew from the Pan Pacific Open last week with a shoulder injury, and Helen Kelesi of Canada, No 15, withdrew from the Breyers Tennis Classic because of an injured

BRUSSELS, Feb 10, (Reuter): The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) said yesterday it would not pay compensation to the organisers of next week's Brussels tournament

Under its own rules, ATP guaran-

declined a big sum of money to play. Vanden Eede said on Thursday.

By Sonny Mariano THE Phillippine Bowling Association in Kuwait (PBAK)

PBAK job

recently held its annual elections of officers for the year 1990 and the new executive board is now headed by Jimmy Tadena after he was elected as the new PBAK president.

The other members of the executive board are as follows: executive VP-Rene Cabardo; seninr VP-Beda Borja; records-Burt Ramos; treasurer-Benie Guiamoy; auditor-Rudy Zablan; asst. anditor-Milo Coronado; budget-Ryan Abdon; asst. hudget-Joe Bilog; social affairs Babes Penalosa; membership-Jnjo Medrano and Bhe Guiamoy; press relation-Souny Mariano: peace and order-Tony Lacson

and Flor Tongson. The new directors are as follows: Cescil Contreras, Calny Abesamis, Ernie Landrito, Jesus Ventus, Mars Balisi, Kamal Atta, Saad Al Khezi, Anukul Sae Tang, Mohammed Seraj, Danny Naboug and Pete Valisno, whn also was elected as the presiding

officer of the board of directors. All the newly elected officers will officially assume their respective task after the induction ceremnnies which will be held at the Ramada Al Salam hotel on February 16. For tickets and reservation please contact any of the elected officers mentioned

And for its first undertaking PBAK '90 will be halding a doubles tnurnament at the Holiday Inn bowling lanes in conjunction with the National Day of Knwait. Playing days will be on Feb 22 to 25 further details regarding the format, rules and regulation of the tournament will be posted at the Hnliday Inn bowling lanes.

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, Feb 10, (AP): Chris Evert, who retired from tournament tennis last fall, won the final three nf the second set last night and beat long-time rival and friend Martina Navratilova 6-3, 6-4 in an article of the second set last night and the second set last night exhibition match at the Milwankee arena.

Evert and Navratilova met 80 times in tournaments beginning with their first match in 1973. Last night's match kicked off a series of exhibitions with another scheduled today in Dallas.

Evert beats Navratilova

Melinte crosses the finish line. (Reuter wirephoto).

STUTTGART, West Germany Feb 10, (AP): Steffi Graf will have to wait until Monday to

find out whether she will recover

in time to resume her quest for a

The world's top-ranked

woman tennis player splintered a bone in her right thumb when she

fell Wednesday while skiing in the Swiss resort of St Moritz. She

was examined at the Heidelberg

University hospital on Thurs-

Graf said yesterday she still

didn't know if surgery was needed on her broken thumb, but

she expects to be out of action at

A decision on surgery had

been expected yesterday, but the

large swelling on Graf's hand

forced doctors to delay the final

Horst Cotta, a specialist in the

she had the opportunity.

least until mid-April.

ruling until Monday.

second Grand Slam.

Navrarilova, who held a 43-37 advantage over Evert in the tournament meeting including a 14-8 advantage in Grand Slam events, jumped to a 2-0 first set lead. But Evert won a 15-minute third game that included six deuces and went on to win the following four games after that for a 5-2 Navratilova beld for 5-3, but Evert railied from tove-30 down on her

serve to win the first set when Navratilova volleyed long on set point.

Navratilova also led in the second set 4-3. But after holding her serve for 4-4. Evert broke in the ninth game and then held her serve to win the match, ending it with a volley at the net. Navratilova, preparing for a tournament in Chicago next week, was coming off a seven-week layoff. The match was spiced with comic relief and banter between the players, but there was also serious tennis with Evert pounding her trade

ground strokes from the baseline and Navratilova coming to net when

ATP rules out compensation

Under its own rules, ATP guaran-tees every championship series tour-nament three top 10 players, and Brussels organiser Adrien Vanden Eede said on Thursday ATP would pay \$125,000 if it could not provide at least two ton 10 players.

The only top 10 player likely to be present in Brussels is Boris Becker after Swede Stefan Edberg dropped out through injury and American Andre Agassi, eight in the world,

even though only one of the world's top 10 player will be participating.

least two top to players.

Annacone double-faulted to drop serve and trail 2-1 in the second set,



owners for lockout NEW YORK, Feb 10, (Reuter): Owners of Major League basehall clubs have won few friends in the US press or public for their decision yesterday to

US press

slams club

delay the start of spring training as a ploy to force the players to accept a pay cut.
"Well, it looks as if the dunderheads who run Major League baseball will find a way to have their labour dispute even with television spewing out more money than anyhody ever imagined." George Vecsey wrote

in the New York Times.
Mike Lupica was even more scathing in the National, the new US sports daily, in an article headline, "Players with no place" to play, owners with no use for

Lupica quoted New York Mets pitcher Ron Darling as saying: "Let me get this straight. The owners are about to shut down baseball when it's more prosperous than it's ever been, and that players are the ones who have to

husiness on which many local communities depend, was due to begin on February 15 hut the owners resolved to delay this

until the players agreed to thei Baseball writers noted that the business side of the sport was w. booming with attendance at games rising and the CBS network agreeing to pay a mind-boggling \$1.06 billion for the television rights for four years

beginning this year. The key issue that led the owners to declare a locknut and threaten to deprive Americans of what is fondly called their national pastime was a demand

for the players' union to accept a salary cap based on a share of television and gate receipts. The owners also want a formula for paying players by their performance on a fixed scale for

their first six years of service. Undermine

These proposals would restrict the free agent system which the owners tried previously to undermine through a secret agreement not to enter bidding wars for players who become eligible to negotiate their contracts with any other club.

This policy of "collusion" was held by an arbitrator to be a violation of collective bargaining agreements and the owners were ordered to make reparations. "The owners tried conspiracy to ruin the marketplace, and that

didn't work," Lupica wrote. "Now they try this bubbleheaded plan...Once again, as with collusinn, they are clumsy and greedy and stupid when it comes

to baseball. Some members of the public questinged by newspapers expressed resentment at the high salaries of baseball players exceeding \$3 millinn a year in some cases — but nthers said there a free society to negotiate the best

deal they could get.
Bill Maddeo nt the New York News urged the owners to show some flexibility in the negotia-Los Angeles Times writer Ross Newhan predicted that the

lockout would end with a climbdown by the owners. The bottom line is that the owners - unable to convince the players or public that they face financial jeopardy now or in the future -- eventually will have to

accept the status quo for another three or four years, giving a joint committee... a chance to take a hard look at revenue sharing and come up with an acceptable for-mat," Newhan wrote.

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underway on Feb 16

THE Kuwait Pinoy Backet-ball League (KPBL), which was due to start on December 1, 1989, will finally get under way on Friday, February 16, at 8.30 am at the Keifan High School Gymnasium, Keifan. Is a meeting on Thursday, at the Mabuhay Restaurant, the KPBL secretariat confirmed that the negatife for the alexing

that the permit for the playing venue had been obtained with much assistance from people mucu assurance from people who truly love the sport.

Present during the meeting were members of the "KPBL" board of governors who beloed in finalising the details of the rening day ceremonies. The final list of the (10) par-

ticipating teams is as follows: Al Ghanlm Freight & Travel, Kay & Associates, KDD-Kuwait Danish Dairy, KHC-Kuwait Hotels Co. KHC-Kuwait Hotels Co., Bayan, K.P.B.C. - Kuwait Pre-Fab Bullding Co., KRP-Knwait Regency Palace, LOT/EEI Al Sarraf Travels, Nissan Al Babtain, Overland Transport Co., Trice International Door To Door

The opening day ceremonies will include among others a "single/one day championship", a first of its kind to be held in the entire history of Filiphno basketball here in Filipino basketbali here in Kuwait. All the (10) participating teams have agreed to take part in this unique event, which was so designed to let each and everyone have a sneak-preview of the things to come in the tournament proper which incidentally starts on Feb 22.

At stake for this one-day championship are the follow-

championship are the follow-ing awards to be given right after the conclusion of the final matches of the day: 1. Champion's Trophy, 2.

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The event will also be high-lighted by the selection of "Miss KPBL," the most charming from among the muses of the participating teams, As an added innevation of the League, the organisers have decided to recognise the most outstanding player in each match by naming him "The Mabuhay Best Player of the Game." As such, he will be entitled to a "Gift Certificate, courtesy of Madame Florence Delot Santos, manager/owner of the Mabukay Restaurant and Saloon.

A confirmation meeting is scheduled for today, at 8.00 pm in the Mabuhay Restaurant. remind all the participating teams to send their representatives to the board of governors, along with the other requirements for the said meet-

ing.

Door prizes will also be given away to lucky "scanon pass" holders. The passes are available from all KPBL officers and at the gate.

All individuals, who may wish to act as "referees" are invited to call 5615329 & 2403909/2434630 for more

ljaz hammers unbeaten century

Pakistan thrash Sri Lanka

(Agencies): Ijaz Ahmed hit an unbeaten 102 to guide Pakistan to a five-wicket win over Sri Lanka in their World Series Cup 50 overs cricket match today as the event resumed after a five-

The victory was Pakistan's first of the series and put them ahead of Sri Lanka on run rate. Australia top the table in the three-nation competition.

The talented liaz needed only 98 balls to notch his second oneday century, hitting nine fours

Largely due to his efforts, Pakistan had no trouble overtaking Sri Lanka's 253 for five, scoring 254 for five with three overs to

Imran Khan won the toss and asked Sri Lanks to bat on a pitch offering the bowlers little assis-

tance.
Asanka Gurusinga provided the backbone of the Sri Lankan innings with a stylish 88, his best score in one-day internationals. Wicketkeeper Hashan Tillekeratne, opening the batting, scored a useful 61 and helped

Gurusinga add 138 in 116 min-utes for the second wicket. The Sri Lankans then launched a successful attack on the Pakistani bowlers, scoring 90 runs off the last 10 overs.

Rumesb Ratnayake cracked 31 off 27 balls and Aravinda de Silva lashed 32 off 21 halls



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including two sixes.

The Sri Lankans could not exert the same pressure on the Pakistani batting, due mainly to the absence of frontline pacemen Ravi Ratnayake and Graeme Labrooy. They were further han-dicapped when Champaka Ramanayake broke down after

Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga said his team urgen-tly needed a replacement bowler. "We are going to have to coo-tact the cricket board back bome

and see if they can find a suitable. replacement in a burry," Ranatunga said. "It showed here today that we can't be competitive unless we

ljaz's match-winning century was his second in 65 international limited-overs matches. His first was an unbeaten 124 against Bangladesb at Chit-

tagong in 1988. Sri Lanka scored 90 runs off the final 10 overs, with Rumesh Ratnayake (31 off 27 halls) and Aravinda de Silva (32 off 21 balls including two sixes) keeping the

momentum going. Pakistan, however, was equal

It posted its 100 in just 86 min-utes off 19.5 overs, 48 balls and nearly 30 minutes faster than Sri

Salim Yousuf (52), Javed Miandad (39) and liaz provided the mainstaya of the innings, but it was paceman Wasim Akram (three cot out) who brought op the winning run, edging Nilan-atha Ratnayake to third man for

Scoreboard

A. Samarasekera ciljaz b Aaqib _ 10 H. Tillekeraine ciljaz b Mushtaq .. 61

A. Ranatunga not out ..

Total (for five wickets, innings

Extras (b-1 lb-14 w-7 nb-4) 26

Fall of wickets: 1-25 2-163 3-191

Bowling: Akram 10-1-39-0 (3w

Mushlag 8-0-55-2. PAKISTAN Innings

Rameez Rala c Gurusinos b Sallm Yousut b Asoka de Silva laz Ahmed not out Javed Miandad c Jeyasuriya b

39-0 (2w, 1nb), N. Ratnayaka 7-0-39-1 (2w), Ramanayaka 5.2-0-47-1, Ranatunga 3-0-22-0, Asoka da Silva 10-0-47-1, Gurusinga 6.4-0-40-0 (5w), Aravinda da Silva 5-0-35-1.

Result: Pakistan won by five wick-

Standings in the World Series Cuo cricket tournament after today's

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2nb), Wagar Younus 5-0-27-0- (3w 1nb), Aagib 10-1-39-1 (1w, 1nb), Imran 7-0-30-0. Tauseet 10-0-48-2.

Aravinda de Sliva Imran Khan c Mahanama b R. Ratnayake ...

Fall of wickets: 1-45 2-114 3-193 4-228 5-251.

Did not bat: Tauseel Ahmed, Mush-taq Ahmed, Waqar Younus, Aaqib

match (tabulata under matches played, won, lost, points and run-

Sri Lanka

lead Indian recovery

Rain hits Test again

Prabhakar, Manjrekar

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb 10, (Reuter): Bad weather has made a decisive result unlikely in the second Test between New Zealand and India, which started today.

The first day, yesterday, was abandoned because of rain. India, winning the toss and batting first in bright sunshinc, had made 126 for two when the weather turned sour again. Bad light and rain struck shortly before tea and no further play

was possible. New Zealand, one up in the three-match series, drew blood with the very first ball of the match with Richard Hadlee claiming Wokeri Raman, who made 96 at Christoburch, leg

before. But India were rallied by a second-wicket partnership between the surviving opening batsman, Manoj Prabhakar and Sanjay Manjrekar. The

partnership remained intact until half way through the afternoon. The New Zealand bowling was nothing more than accurate and steady on a hrown, bare pitch, but the bats-

men took no chances. At lunch, India had got no further than 55 for one and in

the first hour after the break, they added 37.

It was at this point that Manjrekar, trying to get his bat away after having first chosen to play a glance at Danny Morrison, was caught behind on the leg side by lan Smith. New Zealand should have

struck again 12 runs later but John Wright, the New Zealand captain, running back at midwicket, failed to hold a lofted chance offered by his counter-part, Mohammed Azharuddin, off Martin Snedeen.

Prabhakar remained unbeaten with 54, his second halfcentury in Test cricket. He had reached his 50 in 202 minutes with three fours, having faced 140 balls. Manirekar's 42 had taken him exactly three hours. Scoreboard

M. Azheruddin not out Extras (lb. 1, nb-10) Total (for two wickets) 128
To bet: D. Vangsarker, S. Tendulker, Kapil Dev. K. More, S. Vankateoathy Raju, A. Wasson, N. Hir-

vani. Fall of wicksts: 1-0 2-92. Bowling: R. Hadiee 14-4-29-1 (2nb). D. Morrison 15-4-38-1, M. Snedden 21-4-47-0, B. Bracewell 2-0-11-0.

Durand has England in a spin

CASTRIES, St Lucia, Feb 10, (Reuter): Debutant left-arm spinner Mervin Durand snapped up two wickets in his first three overs to plunge England's crick-eters into trouble against the Windward Islands ysterday.

The touring team were 97 for four in reply to the Windwards' first innings of 317 when rain forced an early close on the second day of the four-day

Durand, a 29-year-old from Domínica, had Wayne Larkins caught behind for 31 with only his ninth delivery in first-class cricket and in his next over completely deceived Allan Lamb with his arm ball.

England's Vice-captain, in his first innings of the tour, had looked desperately uncomfortahle from the outset and, having reached 20, he tried to cut Durand and was bowled.

Durand took advantage of a turning pitch to mesmerise the batsmen, bowling nine maidens in his 10 overs and conceding just

Robin Smith and David Capel were shackled to such an extent that they could manage only nine runs in 13 overs before rain, which had fallen intermittently all day, brought a premature

Larkins and his captain Grabam Gooch bad launched England's innings confidently, the former hitting Des Collymore for two fours in his first two overs and Gooch pulling lan Allen to the fence at

square leg. But Gooch, after being bowled by an Allen no-ball, was plumb lbw for 19 to a breakback in the same howler's following over, and shortly afterwards Alec Stewart was lbw to the left-arm

medium pace of Collymore for

England had enjoyed better fortune in the morning session when they took Windwards' last five wickets for 53 as the local side subsided from the overnight 264 for five.

Windwards lost a wicket without a run added when Durand was run out by wicketkeeper lack Russell's throw to the bowler, Phillip DeFreitas, after a mix-up with Collymore.

WINDWARD ISLANDS first Innings (overnight 264 for fiva) L Joha b DeFreitas..... D. Telemaqua lbw b Frase D: Joseph at Russell b

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Murray c Gooch b DaFreitas...... Kentish (bw b DeFraitas....... Hemminos. Allen not out

Extras (b-1 lb-4 w-4 nb-35)

239 5-241 6-264 7-270 8-287 9-317 Bowling: DeFreitaa 22-2-87-3, Fraser 22-3-71-2, Hemminge 17. 3-4-64-2, Capel 18-4-48-1, Medlycott 13-

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DeFreitas, E. Hemmings, A. Fraser. Bowling (to data): Allen 9-3-23-1, Collymore 11-1-35-1, Thomas 7-0-19-0, Kentleh 14-5-19-0, Durand 10-9-1-2.



ates who have come to grief against world heavyweight champioo Mike romoters told reporters today. But they and Holyfield said he's

TOKYO, Fcb 10, (Reuter): Evander Holyfield says he has oo intention of being next in the parade of unfortun-

He intends to win and feels he has He intends to win and feels he has
the skill and the power to do so.
Holyfield is expected to fight.
Tyson on Iune 18 in Atlantic City,
assuming Tyson beats James 'Buster,' Douglas tomorrow in the Tokyo
Dome. Most experts say that's a
pretty safe assumption.
If Douglas does indeed become the
10th straight unsuccessful challenger

to Tyson, Holyfield can look forward to an Atlantic City purse that will guarantee him some \$12 million, his

not in it for the money or not just for the money. Indeed, they said that was the difference between Holyfield and

Tyson's many victims.
"Many of the guys who've fought
Tyson have been looking forward to cashing the cheque the next day,"
more than to making any serious
effort to beat Tyson, said Holyfield
promoters Dan Duva.
But, said Holyfield," My goal is to

I can beat Tyson: Holyfield

be the heavyweight champion of the world... my deare to wm is just as much or more," than Tyson's.

Holyfield said that in addition to scriously wanting to win, not just to carn a fat cheque, "I know Mike Tyson never fought a man like me."

Tyson is "a great champion. He has good skills. But I have just as much skill or more, as much punching power."

mg power."

While Tysoo has successfully intimiteded many of his opponents, Holyfield said, he had been in Olym-pic competition at the same time as Tyson and had seen him lose.



Evander Holyfield (Reuter wirephoto)

Tyson, Douglas miss target at weigh-in

TOKYO, Feb 10, (Reuter): World beavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson and challenger James 'Buster' Douglas both overshot their ideal weights at the official weigh-in today for their title fight, but the gap was much larger for Douglas.

goal for tomorrow's bout was 225 pounds (101.6 kg), but he was well away from that, at 232 pounda (105.2 kg).
Tyson weighed in at 220.5

pounds (100 kg) against the 218 (98.9) his backers would have preferred. Tyson's trainers Aaron Snowell and Jay Bright said their fighter was in excellent shape, and brushed aside any sugges-

tion be was using steroids. During a rules discussion with officials after the weigh-in, Douglas manager John Johnson asked that post-fight drug tests include checks for steriods

World Boxing Association officials said the tests would not include such checks. Asked if he thought Tyson was taking steroids, Johnson said:

The possibility exists." Snowell and Bright denied press reports there was disagreement between themselves and Tyson over tactics and training techniques.

During training. Tyson. Snowell and Bright have spent time discussing basic techniques, and shadow boxing and mitting, without sparring.
Tony 'TNT' Tubbs, the last fighter to face Tyson in Japan. was, like Douglas, over his

weight target and was floored by

Tyson in the second round of



Douglas (right) and Tyson at the weigh-in. (Reuter wirephoto)

their March 1988 bout. Johnson said Douglas "was feeling the best he's ever felt in his lifo," and had fought two of his best fights weighing the same as he did today.

"I feel great," Douglas said. The 29-year-old Douglas has both height and reach advantages over Tyson, but so have many of the fighters the 23-yearold champion has sent to the canvas during his 37-0 professional

Middleweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard, at the weigh-in said although Tyson was the favourite "I expect a

In addition to raising the

plained about Tyson's arrival some eight minutes late for the weigh-in, and his 20 minute late showing for a news conference carlier in the week. He said Tyson's behaviour

showed no respect for Douglas, who has a record of 29 wins, four losses and one draw. However, Johnson added; "He'll get respect tomorrow." Someon hand suggested Johnson was less interested in raising serious issues than in countering

Tyson's tactics of intimidation.

and gaining attention for a fight

that has so far failed to generate

much excitement, Local reports say ticket sales are lagging for the 12-round steroid question, Johnson commatch in the Tokyo Dome,



which has an expanded scating capacity of 63,000 for the fight, with admission prices ranging from 5,000 yen (\$35) to 150,000

Whatever the size of the crowd, guarantees from the promoters and television revenue are expected to mean a minimum of some \$9 million for the Tyson camp and \$3 million

for the challenger. Tyson's next expected light, on June 18 in Atlantic City with Evander Holyfield, should be even richer - assuming Tyson wins temorrow. Promoters denied today that the total value of the June fight could be as much as \$100 million, but said 75 to 80 million dollars was possible.

Holyfield, here to watch Tyson and Douglas, told reporters that while he was hoping for a Tyson wio, he thought Douglas did have the skills and technique to make it a good fight.

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DHAKA: Sheikh Hamad Ali Jabor Al Thani aims to fly Dubai Victory into the top three in the world's longest air race when the 1,200-mile third stage gets underway early

today.
The Emirates-sponsored Cessna
310 was just over ten minutes behind its identical rival, the French aircraft Manpower, on the second stage from Bahrain to Dhaka and Sheikh Hamad is hoping to snatch third place on today's leg to Langkawi in Malaysia.

The Qatari pilot hopes to complete the non-stop flight across the Bay of Bengal in less than six and a half hours.

"Our immediate goal is to pick up those ten minutes on Manpower," he said. "We won't be refuelling on this leg so it's a straight fight between us and them. Whoever makes the best use of the winds and their machine will come out on top.

The 12 survivors in the Paris-Lan-gkawi-Paris International Air Race have already flown more than 5,000 miles and for more than 20 hours across three time zones to reach Dhaka. But after crossing mountains and descrt, today the dozen light aircraft must fly entirely over sea to reach the half-way point in Lang-

"The third stage is unusual

"The third stage is unusual because it's almost all over water," added Sheikh Hamad. "We will be touching Burma and flying on through Thai airspace.

"We have already beaten three turboprop and another piston-engined plane on the way from Bahrain. We did well the way from Bahrain. We did well then and, with a fittage."

Realistically, Dubai Victory has no chance of winning the race overall after an emergency landing on day one. But a stage win is possible for the aircraft which won the last major international air race from Paris to Peking in 1987.

Leading the piston-engined section after two legs is Falcon of Jordan. Just over three hours behind in second place is Manpower, with the Belgian entry Azurex a further 12 minutes admit in third place.

"After just three hours sleep in Bahrain and a ten hours flight to

Bahrain and a ten-hour flight to Dhaka, we were exhausted," said Dubai Victory's Saudi Arabian co-pilot Mohammed Al Amir.

Liverpool held to draw

Villa cut Reds' lead

Platt scored his League-leading 20th goal midway through the second half to give Aston Villa a
1-0 victory today over Sheffield
Wednesday in the English Soccer
League, allowing Villa to close
within one point of first-place Liverpool.

Villa, who have played two fewer games than the Reds, woo its sixth consecutive League game despite a subpar team performance at home. Platt scored on a pass from Tony Daley in the 67th minute for the game's only

Liverpool played to a scoreless tie at Norwich and had a player sent off for the first time since 1987. Defender Glenn Hysen was sent off early in the second half for his second foul on Norwich striker Robert Fleck.

Liverpool has 50 points from 26 games, while Villa has 49 points and has played 24 times. Third-place Arsenal, the defending League champion, had the weekend off and remained on 42 points from 23 games.

Tottenham stayed in fifth place with a 2-1 victory at Chelsea on a goal by Gary Lineker with two minutes remaining. It was the 19th goal of the seasoo for Lineker, who scored three times in last week's 4-0 Spurs defeat of Norwich.

Manchester United won for the first time since November and avoided a dubious distinction. United came into the game having gone 11 League matches without a victory — a 12th win-less game would have been a post-World War II record for the

The victory also boosted Manchester United two notches to 15th place, while dropping Mill-wall to 18th place in the First Division'

In other First Division games, Everton defeated last-place Charlton 2-1, Derby blanked



Glenn Hysen

visiting Queens Park Rangers 2-0, Crystal Palace scored a 3-1 victory over Southampton, and Wimbledon played to a 1-1 tie at

Manchester City. In the Second Division, the top three teams — Leeds, Sheffield United and Swindon — all won. Leeds scored a 4-3 home victory over Hull while Sheffield United woo 1-0 at home over Plymouth and Swindown won 1-0 at Barn-

First Division Everton's English Soccer League match was given the all-clear by police today after a large German World War Two bomh was found half a mile (800 metres) from the Goodisoo Park Police had considered delay-

ing the kick-off against Charlton to allow fans time to reach the stadium after the 2,200 pound (1,000 kg) bomb was unearthed on a main route to the ground. "This is a big bomb and it

cannot just be detonated ... it

Liverpool," an Army spokes-man said. Police said 100

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Mother well

The 8th annual Fortune Promoseven Horseracing Cup took place recently at the Equestrian and Horseracing Club at Sakhir, Bahrain. The race was won by Georges Style, ridden by Jatfar Marzoog and owned by Jawad Al Sayed Marzooq, Georges Style dominated the race over Rahal ridden by Adel Ghuloom and Lady Alzao ridden by John Egan placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. Above: Marzooq (left) receives the Cup from Akram Miknas, president of the FP7

Norman wins \$105,000

PORT DOUGLAS, Australia, Feb 10, (Reuter): Australia's Greg Norman helped himself to a birthday present of \$105,000 today, beating Curtis Strange, Nick Faldo and Jumbo Ozaki on the first day of the 'Super Skins' event.

Norman, celebrating his 35th birthday, rattled off eight birdies and won Skins at the eighth, 15th and 18th holes of the Mirage Country Club course, where the front nine counted for \$10,000 each and the back nine for 15,000.

Japan's Ozaki won \$45,000 for ooe Skin, the first of the day on the six hole, but his efforts the rest of the day were not helped by a faulty driver. It turned out to have a crack in the shaft and he changed it for another. Double US Open champion Strange — who took \$95,000 on the opening day last year — won \$11,250 for winning the 16th, and US Masters champion Faldo, the unluckiest of the quartet, picked up \$7,500 at the ninth.

"I feel a little peeved to say the least," said a weary Faldo, who headed straight for the practice greens. "I feel I've just shot 65 but been rewarded with an 80.

"I felt I had a lot more chances than the other guys, but that's the way

Kim retains WBA crown

SEOUL, Feb 10, (Renter): South Korean Kim Bong-Jun retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) minimum-weight title in Songnam today when he knocked out Petch-phai Chuvapana of Thailand in the fourth of 12 scheduled rounds.

Kim sent Chuvapana sprawling after one minute 15 seconds of the fourth round with a barrage of punches, mainly to the body, from which the Thai failed to recover. defence of the title he wrested from Colombian Agustin Garcia last' April, said afterwards he had been

"Chuvapana had some very good punches ... and his timing is very good. But I still knew from the second round that the light would go my way and that I could knock him out."

SPORTS BRIDE

Ambrose out

BRIDGETOWN, Feb 10. (Renter): Antiguan fast bowler Curtly Ambrose has been forced to with-draw from West Indies' squad for the two one-day cricket internationals against England next week because he is suffering from haemorrhoids.

Merie triumphs

MERIBEL, France, Feb 10, (AP); Carole Merle of France captured a women's Super Giant Statom race of the World Cup today on the future course of the 1992 Winter Olympics.

7-a-side soccer

DHOBITALAO CENTRE WILL organise its 1st annual one day 7-a-side soccer festival on April 28 at the Sour Ground. For further details contact Diego Fernandes, John Pires and Anthony Carvalho at the Sour

Tour protesters

JOHANNESBURG. Feb (Reuter): South African police used tear-gas and batons to break up a crowd of 50 demonstrators protesting today against a rebel English cricket tour. They clashed on a side road a few hundred metres (yards) from a cricket ground where English cricketers were playing a South African side -

Weinbrecht wins

INAWASHIROMACHI, Japan, Feb 10. (AP): American Donna Weinbrecht captured the women's moguls today, extended her winning streak to six, while Edgar Grospiron of France posted his fourth victory in themen's event in the FIS World Cup

Red Stripe Cup

KINGSTON. Feb 10. (Reuter): Close of play scores on the second day of the four-day Red Stripe Cup cricket match between Jamaica and the Leeward Islands at Sabina Park. yesterday: Jamaica first innings 337 (Jeff Dujon 92, Cleveland Davidson 65; Eldine Baptiste five for 99). Leeward Islands first imnings 236 for eight (Livingston Harris 64 not out, Keith Arthurton 53).

Shleld cricket

SYDNEY, Feb 10, (Reuter): Scores on the second day of the two four-day Sheffield Shield cricket marcher today; In Melbourne: New South Wales 495 for five declared (Gooff Milliken 151) Victoria 74 for three. In Launceston: Tasmania 287 for out. declared (Greg Shipperd 132 not out. Chris Mathews three for 56) Western Australia 138 for three (Graeme

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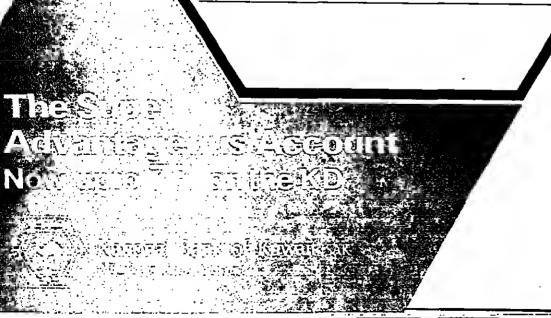
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